

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY  
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014  
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**Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.**

Chairman Larson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Larson, Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius, Joan Kane and Lou Polzella

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Garland

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro

**ALSO ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the March 24, 2014 regular meeting with Lou Polzella abstaining.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Larson indicated that he received a call from Joe Kazkauskas who is a senior limited player. He added that he is having open heart surgery and he would like a refund of his 2014 season pass. He also indicted that they will take this up under new business.

**PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

There were none.

**GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kealey was present and came forward to take a moment and thank everyone, the golf commission, his staff Bonnie, Joe and Mario and everyone at the club, and Jim Cullen during his recuperation progress. Also, the people

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at Wolcott High School, Mr. Monroe, Lisa the Athletic Directors, and the Coach of the High School team. He added that he wanted to thank everyone for their consideration. He hopes to be back sooner than later on a full time schedule.

He noted that to date they collected \$11,000.00. He indicated that people are responding to the specials that they are offering.

He indicated that he would like to continue advertising and he is not sure where they stand with money.

Chairman Larson noted that they have some money left through this fiscal year. Also, he added that they requested more money in their new budget.

Mr. Kealey said Easter weekend is the slowest weekend of the year. So he will wait and place an ad the following week.

Mr. Kealey referenced that the ads that they placed in the newspapers and noted that 75% of the business is from Wolcott and Waterbury.

Mr. Kealey said he thought about this last week and he wanted the commission's opinion changing or temporarily getting away from the tee time lottery. He indicated that he has done this in the fall and at the end of the year when it is not as busy.

The commission had a brief discussion and they said whatever Mr. Kealey feels is right. They trust his judgment in the past and it has been very good.

Chairman Larson said the point is to do what he thinks is right for them and it fits fine and if they run into a problem then they have to be flexible to make it back to the way it was before.

Mr. Kealey said they're doing great; they have some specials and maybe they do need to think about having some weekend specials as well.

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**FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report that their opening date was Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>. He added that they had some good days, rainy days and they seem to be doing good. Secondly, he wanted to thank Mr. Kalinowski and the highway crew who came down and gave them 3 days of tree trimming, tree cutting and taken down a lot of trees around the course and key areas. He added that they did a great job.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they did an excellent job.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that there is a problem with the cart path. He said he spoke with Mr. Paulo and what he recommends in that area is a split rail fence. The fence would stop someone from going over the cliff. He said it would be a lot cheaper than a chain link fence. He added that Mr. Paulo is placing a fence around the 6<sup>th</sup> tee to cover up that hole.

Chairman Larson mentioned that he should check with Mr. Kalinowski regarding guardrails that the state has because they sell them. He advised that this came up once before in another area and he was told by Mr. Paulo that sometimes the guardrails are available and when they are damaged they take out the other pieces that are good and they do sell them to towns.

Mr. Cullen said if they have the money they would like to move that cart path over and they could dig it up themselves and get rid of what's there and move it over a few feet. He said he guesses it comes down to money and how they could do that.

Chairman Larson advised Mr. Cullen to speak with Mr. Kalinowski if he has any suggestions or if there is anything he could do within his budget to help.

- Electrical Work

Mr. Cullen informed the commission that he met with Joe Ciccio from Mechanix III LLC. He added that he has an estimate for the electrical work that they would like to be done. He added that the cost for that is \$1,025.00.

Chairman Larson said he will have to sit down with Mr. Garland and go over this invoice.

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Mr. Cullen mentioned that he received a call from Southington Water Dept., from Al Fairelle who is the new person there. He was requesting information about chemicals, and the amount they put down, and drainage, MSDS sheets. He noted that they put together a 3 ring binder full of all the information that he needed. He indicated that he met with him Thursday and he came to the shop and he looked around and he was very pleased with what he had done.

Mr. Solocius pointed out that Mr. Cullen did a nice job.

He also mentioned that on April 10<sup>th</sup> they charged the irrigation system at the course and other than a couple of heads that were leaking since last season they were changed and they had no issues.

Chairman Larson pointed out the 15<sup>th</sup> tee he wanted Mr. Cullen to keep that in mind until they decide what they are going to do there.

Mrs. Kane questioned what is the dollar amount when do they have to go out to bid, at which time Chairman Larson replied it is \$10,000.00.

Chairman Larson said along the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway if you hit a ball near the hazard because of overhanging branches. He would like to know if they could trim them.

Mr. Cullen said they looked at that and the highway crew will have to do that and they are looking at that in the fall.

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that they sold \$76,780.00 season passes to date. They are \$8,000.00 behind.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Review of Line Items.*

No report given.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Specials

Chairman Larson noted that they implemented one special so far that appears to be working successfully. He added that they talked about other specials that would generate more revenue.

Mrs. Kane suggested that they could get in contact with the Community News and place pictures of tournaments to advertise the golf course.

M. Kealey pointed out when they have tournaments at the golf course the group does everything themselves.

Chairman Larson said they will keep working on the specials.

- Utility vehicle and spray barrel

Chairman Larson references the utility and the spray barrel and noted that they were capital items that they had a discussion on to replace the one they have now. He explained that they brought in a representative to give a demonstration on this equipment. He said he had money in the new budget but the money is not there now but it doesn't mean it can't be brought back.

Mr. Polzella questioned utility, at which time Chairman Larson said it is a utility vehicle and the cost for that is \$23,000.00 and the spray barrel is \$32,000.00.

Mr. Solocius pointed out that their old equipment is still working.

- Tee markers

Chairman Larson said he would like Mrs. Kane to take over the tee markers. He has pictures of every monument that they have on the golf course. He noted that they charge \$25.00 for each marker. He would like her to check them out to see if they still would like their tee markers, because they have other clients that would like to place their names on monuments.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Joe Kazkauskas refund

Chairman Larson said he would like a motion to refund Mr. Kazkauskas his 2014 season passes.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Lou Polzella, it was unanimously voted to refund Mr. Joe Kazkauskas (1 Kensington Circle, Wolcott Ct) his full membership of \$275.00 limited play senior.

Mrs. Kane mentioned that Dan Gugliotti has passed away. She was wondering about his contract.

Chairman Larson said he will have to consult with the Town Attorney. He explained that Mr. Ciprano is still on the contract. Also, Mr. DiNunzio is the manager of the restaurant.

Mrs. Kane inquired what their duties and boundaries are being on this commission, at which time Chairman Larson said he will have to check into this.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

There were none.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman Robert Larson  
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

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**Dolores Distiso  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**