

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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, Lou Polzella and Paul Garland

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

ALSO ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting with the correction to remove "Bounty" and replace with "Bonnie".

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Chairman Larson pointed out they Mr. Kealey will be arriving later.

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FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report the following:

He stated that the fence on the 6th hole is completed.

He also noted that on the 15th tee they removed all of the telephone poles and pulled them out and back filled and reseeded it.

Also, on the 15th tee, where they were having a water issue, he indicated that they dug a ditch and it starts at the ditch and it was brought back to the men's tee and they filled it with process today. He added that most of the water between the men's and ladies tee are starting to dry up. He hopes the ditch will help alot.

Mrs. Kane referenced the drain; she wanted to know where it drains to. Mr. Cullen said it will drain towards the front.

- Mechanix III LLC.

He informed the commission that he called Mr. Ciccio from Mechanix to do the electrical work that they have talked about at the last meeting. He added that he is ordering the parts now and he will call when he will be coming. He also stated that if the labor is not intense he may be able to lower the price.

- 15th tee

Mr. Cullen mentioned that he has a rough draft regarding the issues at which time he handed out the drawing (see attached). He said what they are recommending is to remove the existing cart path and make it turf. Raise up the tee from the ladies all the way back to the men's and make it one tee. He added that they won't have to mess with the irrigation.

Mr. Polzella inquired if they were going to get rid of the entire tar in that area, at which time Mr. Cullen said yes and then they will tar the new path. He added that all of the material that they pull out, they will berm it on the left side and eliminate the steep cliff down on the left going down.

Mr. Kane inquired if they could widen the end of the new cart path.

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Mr. Cullen said he would like to ask Mr. Kalinowski his thoughts on how to do this.

He noted that they will try to get this project started in August.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Garland noted that money is tight. He indicated that they don't have a lot of outstanding invoices and they will be receiving one for repairs for a cart. He added that he is anticipating another fuel bill and will have to talk with Mrs. Bruce.

Chairman Larson explained the electrical repairs are for the lights around the building and the light in the rear of the building which Mr. Ciccio from Mechanix will be doing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **GROUPON**

Mr. Solocius stated that Pequabuck is running \$59.00 18 hole rounds of golf for two or four with a cart rental. He added that they sold over 270 coupons. He noted that there are restrictions as to the time. Monday through Thursday and they won't let them have it on Fridays. He said they should come up with something and he would like to try this Groupon. Mr. Garland said he has spoken with Matt from Groupon directly. He added that Simsbury sold over 480 coupons before their course opened this year they were sent a check by Groupon for the amount of \$10,000.00 because everything is prepaid. Also, Banner Country Club sold over 390 coupons. He said they could design it to fit their requirements and set their times, and they will receive a percentage of that (see attached).

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Lou Polzella, it was unanimously voted to authorize the committee to move ahead with the Groupon proposal (see attached).

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- **Utility Vehicle**

No action taken.

- **Sprayer barrel**

No action taken.

- **Tee markers**

Chairman Larson stated that they are moving forward.

- **Tee Improvements**

Chairman Larson indicated that they addressed this already.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Chairman Larson asked the Pro to come forward to give his report, at which time; Mr. Kealey came forward to report that he was sorry that he was late. He noted that they placed an ad over the weekend for the specials and they made a couple of mistakes. He inquired what time did they do for the specials, at which time the commission said 10:00 to 1.00.

- **Cart Damage**

Mr. Kealey informed the commission that they had an outing on Saturday. He stated that they took in about \$1,800.00. He explained to the commission that someone rolled over the golf cart. The guy told them what had happened. He indicated that the top of the cart is gone. He noted that the person was honorable, stepped up to the plate and came in and said it was his fault. He plays golf three or four times a year.

Mr. Larson recommended that Mr. Kealey should call Club Car.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance

Chairman Larson said he has the ordinance that was established for the Farmingbury Golf Club, at which time he handed to the commission members (see attached).

They had a brief discussion and Mrs. Kane suggested that they should look at this and submit a new one to the Town Council. Chairman Larson said he will bring this to the Mayor and see what he says.

- Meeting Room

Mr. Polzella mentioned that he has concerns with the meeting room. He sees chairs and tables in there and he is wondering if it is a storage room or a meeting room.

Chairman Larson said it became half of a storage room. He added that it has been an ongoing issue. The problem is that Mr. DiNunzio has no storage for his equipment. He said Mr. DiNunzio removed everything from the maintenance building and placed them at Public Works. He was asked to remove everything.

Mr. Polzella suggested that maybe he could place a shed out there.

He also said they have to paint the place.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they were going to allow him to place a pod out there. He checked with the town building inspector to see where they could place it and they could not place it there. He added that this has been an ongoing issue.

Mr. Garland mentioned that Mr. DiNunzio doesn't have an issue with the POD. The problem is the availability so that he has access when he has parties.

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Chairman Larson said what he recommended was buy a POD or a trailer that he could hookup to his truck, so if he needs to have the tables , chairs etc. then he will have them when needed.

- Old mule Kawasaki

Chairman Larson said he was talking with Mr. Cullen about the Kawasaki mule that is sitting in the garage. He said he asked Mr. Cullen to sell it and turn the revenue over to Farmingbury so they could purchase new equipment and the commission agreed.

- Season passes

Mr. Garland mentioned that they spoke about this earlier this year regarding out of town residents or people who own property could be able to purchase a season pass at a residential rate. He added that it was brought up to the Mayor and the Town Attorney and they don't seem to have an issue with that.

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Joan Kane, it was unanimously voted to (authorize non-residents who are tax payers to the Town of Wolcott to purchase a season pass at resident rates).

- Security system

Mr. Garland referenced the security system in the Pro Shop. Mr. Kealey said the modem needed to be replaced and the cost was \$400.00 to \$500.00 and at that time money was tight and they left it alone.

Mr. Garland said if they are paying a monthly fee why aren't they utilizing it or discontinue the monthly fee.

Chairman Larson asked what the monthly fee is for monitoring, at which time Mr. Garland said it is \$90.00 and he will follow up on this and he knows someone in this business who does the monitoring and he will get a price to repair it or replace it.

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- ATM machine

Mr. Garland pointed out that they are thinking about placing an ATM machine at the golf shop between the restaurant and the Pro Shop. The bank will take care of everything and they will receive a percentage or a fee from it.

Mr. Kealey said it will be a benefit for the golfers and it is a great idea.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters at 7:15 p.m., with Robert Larson, Joan Kane, Greg Solocius, Lou Polzella and Paul Garland.

Chairman Larson called the meeting back to order 7:35pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Vice -Chairman Greg Solocius
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**