From:

dwm1111@comcast.net

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 7:36 AM

To: Subject: * City Clerk ethic complaint

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To the Concord City Clerk,

I have been informed that there is an ethics complaint that was filed on February 24th, 2025 against members of the Concord's Golf Course Advisory Committee regarding the lack of sufficient non-golfing members of the general public on that committee. By law, the majority of Advisory Committee members should be members of the non-golfing general public.

As such, I ask the Concord City Councilors, Concord's Mayor, the Deputy Manager, and others in city government to remove the Golf Clubhouse from the budget. I also ask that the City Councilors do not address the Golf Clubhouse in any discussions until the Ethics Complaint has been resolved.

I ask that this email be forwarded to all members of the Concord City Council, City Mayor, Deputy Manager and any other city official involved in this matter.

Thank you,

Linda Mead

Ward 7 resident

From:

robert thistle <lootbob7@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:39 AM

To: Subject: * City Clerk golf club

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Hello, could you please pass along that I do not want the Beaver Meadow Golf Club to be included in the budget or addressed by the city council until the ethics complaint which has been filed is resolved.

Thank you, Rob Thistle 52 Carter Hill Rd.

Sent from Outlook

From: Sent: Nora L <noraclane18@gmail.com> Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:01 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Clubhouse

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Hello,

My name is Nora Lane, and as a tax paying member of Concord, I am strongly opposed to the inclusion of the Beaver Meadow Clubhouse in the budget or addressed by City Council until the ethics complaint is resolved. The people of Conord voiced their displeasure about funding this back in 2023 and were ignored, and now you are trying to force the cost of this exclusionary, members-only Clubhouse on tax payers once again.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 11th, so consider what is stated in this email as where I stand on this issue. Tax payer money should only be used to fund public goods.

Sincerely,

Nora C. Lane

From: Lynn Maddox <lynn.maddox@icloud.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:11 AM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver meadow clubhouse

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I don't want the clubhouse in the budget or addressed by city council until the ethics complaint has been resolved

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: Jenn Chase <jennchasenh@gmail.com> Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:16 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Golf Course Clubhouse Budget

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Hello Janice,

I am writing today to express my outrage upon learning that the golf course clubhouse budget is being pushed through without taking into account the city's taxpayers input, and without resolving the ethics complaint regarding the golf course committee.

I was one of the many who spoke out against the expense of a facility that serves less than 1% of the city's population in December 2023, and have been waiting for this issue to be resolved since.

To have it pushed through with so many critical infrastructure projects coming to term at the same time, on taxpayer dime, when our homeless population is growing faster than any other state in the nation, is beyond reprehensible.

This is not what the taxpayers want, and our elected officials should bear that in mind, as they are supposed to represent their community's needs, not their personal wants.

This is peak fiscal irresponsibility, and those who are supporting and enabling this should be ashamed of themselves.

I hope the council will change course and do right by their constituents. Sent from my iPhone

From: Lee <rade8xr2@aol.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:43 AM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver Meadow Club House

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To whom it may concern

It has come to my attention that the new City of Concord budget will include funding for for a new clubhouse despite public outcry in opposition. In addition, I understand that the board of Beaver Meadow is improperly populated in violation of it's own bylaws.

I therefore have to express deep concern for this level of elitasism and ignoring of the will of the people and ask to postpone inclusion in said budget while there is investigation into the ethics complain.

Lee Peixinho

Ward 8 resident

Concord, NH

Sent from AOL on Android

From:

Jacqueline Hamilton < jhamilton42821@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:11 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Cc:

Jacqueline Hamilton

Subject:

Club house

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Dear City Clerk,

I would like to voice my opposition to a new club house. The tax payers of Concord need a break! Most of the residents don't use the club house, so it should be funded by the private sector. Let the members raise the money from the people who use it.

Sincerely, Jacqueline Hamilton

From: Sent:

Raymond Pinard <ray@raypinard.com>

To:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:43 PM

* City Clerk Raymond Pinard

Cc: Subject:

In favor of Beaver Meadow new facility

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Good afternoon:

Please pass this message to the Mayor and Council and the City Manager.

Thanks, Ray

Dear Mayor and Council, City Manager:

I support the building of a new facility at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. This would include what has been portrayed/designed by the Turner Group along with the final recommendations by the various city committees involved.

After observing all the back and forth of meetings, presentations, social media, news reports, and financial analyzes I believe a new facility is appropriate for the Concord community. Unfortunately much of what has been discussed has been a distraction of the real issue We have a club house that is an embarrassment, irredeemable, only detracts from the attractiveness and growth of the golf course and misrepresents city pride.

An often used argument against a new facility is that it serves a small, elite, group of people. Not so. A first class year-round facility serves the entire community and would be profitable, as is the current facility.

When appropriate, I urge you to support moving forward with bonding and beginning the building of a facility we can all be proud of.

Respectfully,

Ray

Ray Pinard 43 N. Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301 603-620-7500 ray@raypinard.com

From:

Brennan Bourque <01bourqueb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 1:12 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver meadow clubhouse

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Good afternoon

I am writing today to voice my concern about the new beaver meadow clubhouse proposal. I believe that golf course are a waste of space and resources and I especially believe that the publicly owned golf course at beaver meadow is a complete waste of taxpayer money. I believe the city should sell the golf course to developers to build much needed housing and create a tax base instead of a tax burden

Please do not support this project and consider selling beaver meadow golf course

From: DEB WORSTER <dworster@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 1:50 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Support for building a new

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I support building the new golf course building. Option3. While expensive, I think that is the most fiscally sound option. I am not a golfer but have attended wedding receptions and cross country skied there. It is more than a golf course and clubhouse.

DEB GREEN 51 South St Concord

From:

Elaine Duclos <elaineduclos2136@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:03 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Club House

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I don't want the Beaver Meadow club house on the budget or discussed until the ethics complaint has been resolved.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: Jean Picard <jpicardrn@comcast.net> Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:12 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

BM clubhouse

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To Whom It May Concern,

This email is in regard to the upcoming budget meeting. I do not want the Beaver Meadow clubhouse renovation/construction in the budget or addressed by City Council until the Ethics complaint has been resolved which I believe is in April. By including this month, it seems to me, indicated they intend to force it through. This is not ok and I do not support this.

Thank you,

Jean Picard Concord, NH

From: Devin Rodrique <rodrique.devin@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:41 PM

To: BYRON CHAMPLIN; Brent Todd; Horne, Michele; * City Clerk

Subject: Public Comment: Golf Course

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Hello Mayor and City Councilors,

Please add my public comments below to the meeting on Monday, March 10 regarding the Beaver Meadow Gold Course Clubhouse.

I am a resident of Penacook and relatively nearby to the golf course. I **DO NOT** support the expenditure of \$8 million dollars on the golf course clubhouse. Given the recent ethics complaint outlined in the March 8 Concord Monitor article, this project should not move forward and any recommendation from the Golf Course Advisory Committee ought to be dismissed.

There are many more potential projects facing this city that deserve and require our investment. For instance, the sewer treatment center given all the development that has and will likely continue to occur.

The terrible coincidence that during the same evening there will be a presentation on homelessness speaks for itself. Please **DO NOT** support or pass the golf course clubhouse concept of anything costing more than \$1 million. Our property tax burden is already high enough.

Thank you
Devin Rodrique
Homeowner and Registered Voter, Penacook.

On Saturday, March 8, 2025, BYRON CHAMPLIN < chamby@comcast.net> wrote: Dear Friends:

It's been some weeks since my last newsletter, so I am doing some catch-up in this current edition. I could blame the interval on all the snow I had to move during the month of February, but we were all in that boat! If Daylight Saving Time is in the offing, can true spring be too far away? Let's hope not!

Two Reports on Monday's City Council Agenda

City Council will receive two reports during Monday night's meeting.

The Steering Committee on Concord's Plan to End Homelessness will provide an update on efforts to address the challenges of Concord's unhoused community members. Steering Committee members most recently have been working with local agencies to provide emergency warming

From: Tricia Desmarais <triciad559@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:00 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver Meadow Clubhouse

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I nor does my husband want the clubhouse in the budget nor addressed by the City council until the Ethics complaint has been resolved.

Thank you for passing this along to all involved.

From:

Patricia DeAngelis <patsdeangelis@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:36 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver meadow project

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City Clerk

I'd like to make it known that my husband and I (51 Noyes St) do NOT want the Beaver Meadow clubhouse in the budget or even addressed by the City Council until the Ethics Complaint has been resolved.

Thank you.

Patricia and Robert DeAngelis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Pam Wicks < pjmac228@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:38 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Prioritizing City Needs – Now Is Not the Time for a New Golf Clubhouse

[CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe]

Concord City Council Members:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed golf clubhouse project and urge the council to put a pin in this project. While I understand the potential benefits of this project, now is simply not the right time to move forward.

The city has pressing infrastructure needs that must take priority—most notably, the middle school. With **lead in the water, a leaking and failing roof, and poor climate control**, the school is in dire need of rebuilding. While the clubhouse and school may come from separate budgets, the reality is that they draw from the same overall financial pool. The city must allow the middle school to take precedence.

Beyond the middle school, there are other city projects that require urgent attention, such as Memorial Field, which serves a broad range of residents, including our student athletes. These essential projects should take priority over a golf clubhouse. Additionally, I have seen no discussion of fundraising for this project. If parents are expected to raise money for public park playground equipment (as was the case for White's Park), it is entirely reasonable to ask golfers and Nordic skiers to contribute toward a new clubhouse.

While I appreciate the idea of making the clubhouse a community center for this part of the city, this should only move forward if there is **private collaboration or fundraising plan** to help offset the costs. Until then, I urge the council to focus on the city's more urgent needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Pam Wicks
Ward 10 Concord Resident

From:

donna <dklannan@hotmail.com> Saturday, March 8, 2025 4:01 PM

Sent: To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver meadow clubhouse

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To city council and members of fiscal advisory committee; As a resident who pays high taxes in our lovely city, I do not support the expense of building a new clubhouse at beaver meadow at the proposed cost of 8 million dollars. This facility does not serve enough residents in Concord to justify this expense.

I strongly oppose this cost for a golf clubhouse serving the minority when there are worthy expenses elsewhere serving the masses (like community centers and schools) Thank you Donna lannan Sent from my iPhone

From: ANNE HARTSHORN < sveap@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 4:24 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Public comment on the proposed golf clubhouse

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Hello! I am a private citizen of Concord who does not golf but I do have several members of my family who are avid golfers. This entire conversation and recommendations about the proposed expansion of the clubhouse (renovation doesn't apply to the choices) is not transparently fair to the taxpayers who have to fund the cost. How many actual non-golfers have been involved in the process? Not non "members", because people who are members at another club are not non-partisan on this issue. And why, in spite of suggestions from the general public, does the City not charge more for non residents? You do charge more for out-of-towners who want to use the pools or library. Why should golfers be any different? It smacks of elitism.

Please do not vote to expend our limited resources on a city service that only supports a small percentage of the population. Look at all the other worthy projects that the City and the School District want to do in the next few years that will benefit a much larger share of your constituency. Anne Q. Hartshorn

From:

laurel833@aol.com

Sent:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:49 PM

To: Subject: * City Clerk Golf Course

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Please pass on:

The composition of the BMS Committee must be as put forth in the regulations.

As a voter, with myself and family members who have used the course for skiing, can't find a reason for subsidizing the golf course. It is not a facility much of the city has the funds to use. The pools, community centers, libraries, parks are affordable for all. Not a fan of anything happening to the clubhouse beyond repairs.

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

From: Sent: Kim Pooler <kpoolr2214@yahoo.com>

To:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 11:30 AM

Subject:

* City Clerk Club house

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I don't think that in this economy we should be spending \$8-10M on building a golf clubhouse that a small % of Concord taxpayers will use. There is a school that needs renovation, memorial field needs upgrading, the wish list of a new police station, etc....

The economy is very iffy right now and I don't think now is the time to commit to numerous expensive projects.

Sent from my iPad

From: Jerise Mares (Franchise Owner) < jerise.mares@batteriesplus.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 1:04 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver Meadow Clubhouse

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Greetings,

I have been a resident since 2015. I have played at Beaver Meadow on and off since 2017. I am a single, female. I feel very comfortable playing at Beaver Meadow. I do not feel comfortable playing at expensive country clubs. Beaver Meadow is for the average person, not the rich. They support many fundraisers, younger players and females.

Based on the numbers from the presentation, it appears that the City is spending more money on all the other facilities in Concord except for the Everett and Beaver Meadow. For those reasons, I fully support the rebuilding of the clubhouse.

Thank you.

Jerise Mares



Jerise Mares - Franchise Owner

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From: Linda Schmidt <lschmidt87@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 1:26 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver Meadow Clubhouse

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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

With all due respect, I think spending 8 million dollars on a new clubhouse at Beaver Meadow Golf Course is a mistake. There are more pressing matters that need to be addressed, such as Concord's wastewater treatment plant. I also find it interesting that almost everyone who has a say in this decision to build a new clubhouse are members of Beaver Meadow Golf Course.

Please keep in mind that Concord taxpayers are following this issue very closely.

Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt

Concord Resident

From: Sent: bnltravel

sunday, March 9, 2025 1:44 PM

To: Subject: * City Clerk Beaver Meadow

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City Counselors,

Thank you for stepping up to a very important roll in our city government.

The subject line of this email is entitled Just Beaver Meadow and this is because this is so much more than just a golf course. This is a gathering place for Weddings, Celebrations of Life, Birthday Parties, Ice Skating, Cross County Skiing, meetings and Voting for my Ward.

As a single, retired woman that has been self supporting for many years, I am never thrilled to see my property taxes increase, however, for the good of the community I understand the importance of investing in our city to make it a great place to live. We have an ice skating arena, we have lots of swimming pools, we have many parks in the city and we have a library. All of these places serve the members of our community and make Concord a better place to live. Beaver Meadow also plays a roll in making Concord a great place to live. With the creative minds of this city it has become a year round gathering place for people with differing interests. The ski people may never play golf but what a great place to enjoy the outdoors. The skating people may have never seen a golf simulator but the pond that beautifies our golf course provides a great place for the people of the West End to enjoy ice skating.

To have a facility to provide a better space for the year round use of all of these events and sports would serve so many of the Concord residents. It isn't just a golf course this is sports center, a meeting place, a place to grab a bite to eat and often a place where charity events take place and even some business.

Yes, I do play golf at Beaver Meadow and I am so proud of my golf course. It has incredible history of the 3 woman involved in opening it. It's the oldest golf course in NH.

I have been playing golf and met people from other states that have dropped by to play our course.

I housed young women who were here to begin their careers as professional golfers.

I have a family member that began playing golf as a youngster at Beaver Meadow and is now one of the Golf Pros at Augusta National Golf Course.

As in any sport young people look to colleges for scholarships for their chosen sport. Beaver Meadow has supported these young people.

There is huge increase in the interest of playing golf since Covid in 2020. It was determined to be one safe thing that people could participate in. This was a big mental health boost for many, it got you outside where you could exercise and compete and feel normal.

Some people just want things to always go their way and not look at the big picture of how this new building(not a golf clubhouse) could benefit so many. I hate that my taxes may go up but I know in my heart that this community will benefit greatly from a better facility on the west end of the city.

Please support the new facility at Beaver Meadow.

Barbara Johns

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From:

Shelly Hoik <justagirlafloat@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 1:50 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Support for Beaver Meadow

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Dear City Councilors,

I am a retired US Air Force Major and have lived in more than 8 states over the last 25 years. I recently moved back home to Hopkinton, NH and am SO excited to join the Beaver Meadow Women's Golf League this Spring so that I can meet new women in my new community with similar interests. It is not just the wealthy men who benefit from this facility. Throughout my Air Force career, whenever I moved my family, I looked for a golf course or country club to join it was a place for my children to learn golf and learn the importance of manners and for me to meet other adults who enjoyed this game based on integrity and resilience.

I pay non-resident greens fees and will be playing at least weekly for the upcoming 2025 season. I am currently on a waiting list for this league -- so clearly golf is in high demand in Concord. I was so impressed that Concord had this golf course and am hopeful that you will keep it so that I can continue to use it to find my place within this community.

Please support this investment for the entire community!

Shelly Hoik, Maj (Ret), USAF

From:

Elibet Chase <elibetchase@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 2:42 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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PLEASE FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL

Dear Council Members,

I am writing as a former resident of Concord (30 years) who is actively involved in the Concord Community for healthcare, as a member of Concord Chorale, and as a consumer. I have been a past member of Beaver Member Golf Course, play in the women's league regularly (paying greens fees), and often bring out of town guests to the course to play with me. My grandson came from Massachusetts last year to participate in the Junior Golf Clinic. The cost of the clinic was very reasonable and the kids got excellent instruction and thrived being outside and engaged in a challenging sport. The positive experiences that I and my out-of-town guests have had at Beaver Meadow connect us to the city with goodwill and bring in funds to support the city. In the winter, the Clubhouse offers two golf simulators for individuals or group gatherings that are fun and connecting in the colder months. And, the course is made available to many who enjoy the cross-country ski trails.

Beaver Meadow Golf Course has a rich history and is an important Concord and State institution. It welcomes all ages, genders, and socio-economic backgrounds and stands as an accessible option to the Concord Country Club, a private course and the only other golf course in the city limits. Beaver Meadow is not an exclusive club with high fees and fancy amenities. It hosts tournaments, colleges, high schools, new golfers of every age, and many other activities that are vibrant and bring life to the city. And, it provides access to a lifelong sport for Concord's aging community, many of whom continue to play in their eighties and nineties and could not afford to pay higher fees and travel farther distances.

I have read the proposal submitted by Marcy Charette. With creative thinking, perhaps all that is beneficial at Beaver Meadow Golf Course could be preserved while at the same time adding "park" like options that could appeal to a broader constituency. An enhanced multi-purpose clubhouse could be used to generate revenue for the city. The pond could provide a second public outdoor skating rink. A winter carnival of sorts could be held on the golf course, maybe the same weekend as the Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament.

Concord is wonderful community that is fortunate to have the conscientious stewardship of many that ensure its heritage, its current health, and its future. As a part of that heritage, Beaver Meadow Golf Course should be preserved and enhanced for the benefit of everyone.

Sincerely,

Elibet Moore Chase Warner

From: Jane McClung <jane.mcclung@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 3:02 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: In favor of funding Beaver Meadow clubhouse

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Dear Ms. Bonenfant,

I'm writing to urge the City Council to fund the clubhouse at Beaver Meadow. This golf course is a jewel in Concord's recreational facilities, providing an affordable opportunity for residents of all ages to exercise, be in community, and actively enjoy some of Concord's natural beauty.

It is one of the few golf courses in the area that is walkable, which for a senior middle class person like me, is a real advantage.

In the last several years, the staff there has made a strong effort to improve the playing conditions there—what is lacking is improving the physical facility. I have observed that the number of users has increased steadily, but we now need to make a long needed investment to continue to expand the ways that the golf course can be used to include even more Concord residents, and complete the project of turning it into a year-round community facility.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jane McClung
Concord resident of Ward 5

Sent from my iPhone

From:

J P <penningtonj50@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 5:01 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Deputy Manager and City Council members

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Please be advised that my husband and I request that the clubhouse needs to be removed from any and all budget discussions or addressed by the City Council until the Ethic Complaints have been resolved. Thanking you in advance for hearing the voice of a long time taxpayer of Concord.

From: Sent: Kathi Schoch <kats827@tds.net> Sunday, March 9, 2025 5:14 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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Dear City Council,

I have been made aware of Marcy Charette's letter to the Council regarding Beaver Meadow. While I am not a Concord resident I have worked there, and continue to shop there and enjoy many of Concord's amenities, including the golf course. I have been a member of the Wednesday night ladies league for over 30 years & served as president of the league for several of those. I am not a full member of the course and have gladly paid my greens fee to play at one of the best municipal courses and I have played many others.

I have also participated in a lot of the charitable events held there. If there is no pro shop to buy golf related products, or no place to provide food & drink, these organizations will go elsewhere. Surely this would pose just another a loss of income to the city's budget.

The golf course is run by professionals who take pride in the job they do, both inside the pro shop and out on the course. One example Marcy needs to observe is our "sports professionals" running the junior program: teaching our future golfers not only the correct techniques, but etiquette, rules, sportsmanship, and a love for the game. Something they would not receive from temporary workers who are not trained.

And the grounds keepers don't just mow grass. The knowledge they must have to properly maintain the tees, fairways, rough and greens is a true science and need of ongoing education in several areas.

I do not know Marcy personally, but she clearly is not a golfer and does not appreciate the value Beaver Meadow brings to the city. And losing one of the oldest golf courses in the state, which would eventually happen if turned into a park, would be a true tragedy.

I could go on and on but Marcy Charette's proposal to turning Beaver Meadow into a park is a simplistic solution that would hurt not only the game of golf but the City of Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Schoch Contoocook, NH

Sent from my U.S. Cellular© Smartphone

From: Jeff Savary <jeff.savary@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 6:41 PM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Support of Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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Good evening,

(please forward to all city councilors)

My name is Jeff Savary and although I don't live in Concord, my wife and I both work in Concord and my daughter attends Bishop Brady High School in Concord. I'm writing to express my support of Beaver Meadow Golf Course and it's continued operation for generations to come. My daughter, Madelyn Savary, a 16 year old Hispanic girl has developed her golf skills at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. She began playing at the age of 7 and joined the Beaver Meadow PGA Junior League. Beaver Meadow has been her golf home ever since that time, enjoying a junior golf membership and proudly representing Bishop Brady's golf team with Beaver Meadow as their home course. The team won the NHIAA Division III state championship this year. She has also played in one of the ladies leagues at the course since she was 10 years old and the camaraderie she's developed with the ladies of Beaver Meadow has been beautiful to watch.

In addition, Madelyn was the women's state amateur runner-up as a 15 year old this past summer, playing against the best female golfers in the state. She did so, proudly representing Beaver Meadow. She also was runner-up at the state high school girls championship, with the final day conducted at Beaver Meadow. I illustrate her accomplishments because it's important for the city council to know that Beaver Meadow isn't simply designed for "old white men". A young, female minority is thriving in her pursuit of athletic accomplishment because of Beaver Meadow and the staff that have helped her along the way.

Beaver Meadow is an affordable option for young players like my daughter, offering kids league opportunities and numerous junior camp opportunities. To propose taking that away simply because not everyone who pays concord taxes utilizes the course makes no sense. There is not a single city tax payer who utilizes all, or even half of the offerings from the city. So why attack the golf course? In fact, the golf course is one of the only city funded entities that even has the potential to make a profit.

Rather than proposing closing the golf course or allowing the clubhouse to disintegrate until costs explode even further before renovating or building, perhaps we embrace the sense of community Beaver Meadow provides. I understand the frustration of tax payers, but Beaver Meadow does not represent the burden some claim it to be. Maybe there should be a shift in charging non-residents of Concord a higher rate. I don't have a problem with that. There are many ways to be creative to provide more of an advantage for Concord residents while maintaining a reasonable cost for non-residents. Just like you don't put a band aid on a bullet wound, you don't amputate for a paper cut. Proposals for dismantling of such a historic golf course for the purposes of those who haven't even tried to enjoy the pleasures of the Beaver Meadow family is disheartening. Beaver Meadow offers far more than people understand. It offers fun, recreation, a place to connect, dining, charitable events, weddings, and other opportunities. Please consider what the Beav can offer and how it can grow the community rather than disrupt and destroy what has been so important to my daughter and many others.

Sincerely, Jeff Savary

From: Tim Benitez <tim.benitez@gmail.com>

Sunday, March 9, 2025 8:56 PM Sent:

To: * City Clerk Cc: Brown, Stacey Subject: Beaver Meadow

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Dear city councilors,

I am asking you vote YES for the Beaver Meadow project. I come to this conclusion after witnessing the increase in spending on almost every program in Concord:

- schools to include a no bid contract for a HVAC system. NO BID !!! These are the things that necessitates having a DOGE.
- numerous social welfare programs
- pools
- new police station
- new memorial field
- new middle school

If we are willing to continue to spend on all these other programs let's not pick winners and losers on what project is relevant based on your personal preferences.

If you are willing to cut across the board I'd be willing to listen.

I do not golf but my children attended the PGA junior league at beaver meadow this past summer and Phil Davis did an outstanding job. I believe more parents should participate in the program because it teaches patience, dedication and respect for the sport as well as others.

Thank you Tim 39 Coventry Rd Concord NH 03301

From:

Rebecca Dusseault < rebecca.dusseault@comcast.net>

Sent:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:46 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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I am a member at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course and feel that the course is great for the community in many ways, such as socializing with friends and acquaintances. It creates employment opportunities, provides funds for many charities through tournaments events and creates a social environment for everyone. The golf course and its instructors educate many children and adults about the fundamental aspects of golf and promotes sportsmanship and discipline.

I am a strong supporter of the investment into improvements to the golf course and its facilities.

Rebecca Dusseault

From: Carl Caporale <cmcaporale@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 6:33 AM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Beaver Meadow Golf Spending

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I would rather see that money go back to the taxpayers who are already paying high tax rate or that money can be put to use in so many better ways, police, fire, etc. People are not happy with this type of silliness, sell it or make it pay for itself is most folks thoughts

From:

Carl Caporale <cmcaporale@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 6:35 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf

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Instead of returning the funds to taxpayers who already pay high taxes on houses they bought during the housing bubble and are now worth five times what they paid, why not use them to give bus drivers a raise? They haven't gotten one in a while, right? There are so many other great ways to use these funds. If the rich folks in Concord want a private golf course, they can just buy it, set up their own club, and pay for it themselves.

From:

* Finance

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 8:18 AM

To:

Bonenfant, Janice; LeBrun, Brian

Subject:

FW: In Support of Beaver Meadow Investment

Good Morning,

Just sharing the below as an FYI. Looks like it was sent to all the Councilors, so not sure if one of them may have already shared with both of you.

Thanks,

Audrey D. Masters

Assistant Finance Director



Finance Department City of Concord 41 Green Street Concord NH 03301 (603) 230-3653 amasters@concordnh.gov www.concordnh.gov









From: Tom MacMullin <tmacmullin@kenteklaserstore.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 11:39 AM

To: Fennessy, Nathan < NFennessy@ConcordNH.gov>; Sexton, Amanda < AGradySexton@ConcordNH.gov>; Keach, Fred <FKeach@ConcordNH.gov>; Kurtz,Judith <JKurtz@ConcordNH.gov>; brenttoddconcord@gmail.com; Horne,Michele <MHorne@ConcordNH.gov>; Kretovic, Jennifer <JKretovic@ConcordNH.gov>; kmcnamaraward4@gmail.com; Brown, Stacey < SFBrown@ConcordNH.gov>; pwmclaughlin24@gmail.com; jim4concord@gmail.com; Ali Sekou <ASekou@ConcordNH.gov>; Schultz,Kris <KSchultz@ConcordNH.gov>; Jeff Foote <JFoote@ConcordNH.gov> Cc: Champlin, Byron <BChamplin@ConcordNH.gov>; * City Manager Office <citymanager@concordnh.gov>; * Finance <Finance@concordnh.gov>

Subject: In Support of Beaver Meadow Investment

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Dear City Councilors,

As Councilor Brown remarked at City Council on February 10, 2025, Concord needs to create more opportunities for people to connect. This is exactly why the City should continue to support Beaver Meadow Golf Club. I am deeply troubled that several people in our community foment aggressive divisiveness over these issues.

Our family has lived in Concord since 1996. As our children have moved on with their lives, my wife Megan and I have found more time to enjoy golf at Beaver Meadow. It is there that we have enjoyed golf with good friends, reconnected with old friends, and started many new friendly relationships. We have played golf with high school students who value connecting with adults. We have played with many residents of Concord we would never otherwise meet: you can easily get to know someone as you spend several hours walking from tee box to tee box. We have socialized with local tradesmen and other business owners, connecting with several who have helped us, and referring others to friends who are looking for products or services.

The current debate about spending capital on the clubhouse seems mired in concern about building something for "rich" people. While it's true the average income for a golfer is above community averages, Beaver Meadow remains open to the public with reasonable fees thereby making golf more accessible to people from all walks of life. The city of Concord spends millions of dollars on parks, recreation, pools, and a library, not to mention funding of a very expensive school system. Given that the "burden" of a new clubhouse at Beaver Meadow in its first couple of years is only about 5% of the combined total burden of parks, pools, recreation, library and golf, investing in a clubhouse does not seem unreasonable. Further, the "burden" of Beaver Meadow diminishes over time and should actually disappear as activity and fees both increase at the golf course.

Concerns about year-round spending on a seasonal sport are also misconstrued. You might not see golfers on the 3d tee because of the snow, but inside the clubhouse both simulators are consistently active and the restaurant does a steady business supporting patrons and special events. The golf professionals are available for lessons and club-fitting sessions. The shop remains open for customers requiring golf shoes, gloves, and other equipment and accessories. Staff are onsite when the building is open, including the provision of access to the non-golfers that use the property.

To address the issues surrounding income head on: the members and other golfers at Beaver Meadow are among those that make this city and its many organizations work. These people contribute time and money to many civic endeavors. The golf course, club house, and restaurant provide environments for charitable events, team building, negotiations, and community building. There is significantly more building of social capital at Beaver Meadow than is achieved by the parks, pools and library combined. This is a key part of the return on

investment that City Council should seek. Overall, the many amenities in Concord, including Beaver Meadow, make it an attractive place to build a business and raise a family.

On a recent Friday afternoon, I was playing a round of golf using the simulator. Through the windows I watched as small family groups enjoyed skating on the pond and large groups of school-age children learned to cross country ski. It was discouraging to see that there was no comfortable warm place for these individuals to gather or change shoes inside. A line formed near the restrooms and I plainly heard complaints about the condition of those facilities. It should not be like this in the capital city.

There is a suggestion to turn the golf course into a city park. I think this absurd and incongruent. Golf revenue will just deteriorate, event income will be non-existent, and maintenance expenses will become a full burden to the city. Further, there will have to be capital spent for at least a small gathering space and rest facilities if the park's visionaries are successful in going down this path.

Every type of asset requires maintenance and investment. The treasure that is Beaver Meadow Golf Club is not an exception. Not to invest in the Beaver Meadow complex might create irrecoverable financial distress. From a golfer's perspective, other clubs not far from Concord offer a much more pleasant physical environment for not much higher fees. Non-golf income will certainly suffer: it is hard to support a restaurant and function venue without adequate plumbing and support utilities.

The employees at the Club are dedicated to the overall success of the club. Working with Beaver Meadow's advisory boards and its members, the Golf Pros continue to show success in meeting budgets and building community.

I support a significant investment at Beaver Meadow.

Most sincerely,
Tom MacMullin
32 Thackeray Road / Ward 5

From:

CAROL STEARNS < cas765@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 8:52 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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I have played and been a member at Beaver Meadow for many years. It would be a shame to not have this golf course in Concord. It is a busy course and at times you are unable to get a tee time.

We do not need another park. I have gone by other parks here in Concord and do not see a lot of activity. I go by the pool on North Main St. frequently in the summer and there are hardly any kids.

We are spending our tax dollars in areas where there could be cuts, not on the golf course.

Respectfully,

Carol Stearns

From:

KELLY MULROY < kellm1@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 9:41 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Courser, not for everyone

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Good morning all,

WE don't want the clubhouse in the budget or addressed by City Council until the Ethics Complaint has been resolved, <u>or really there after.</u>
Our taxes are 8k here on our small house and it is way more than enough NOT everyone is a golfer that lives here in Concord and we are not interested in paying for upgrades or anything dealing with the Golf course.

Sell the Beaver Meadow Golf course property and the business, this can be a money maker for our city instead of fun for a few Thank you very much

Kelly LaFave Concord, NH

From:

Jessica Wheeler Russell <wheelerjessicaann@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 10:47 AM

To:

* City Clerk; Horne, Michele; Champlin, Byron; Sexton, Amanda; Fennessy, Nathan; Keach,

Fred; Kurtz, Judith

Subject:

Opposition to the Proposed \$8 Million Golf Course Project

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed \$8 million golf course project. While I understand the importance of maintaining and improving public amenities, the financial burden this project would place on our community is simply too great to justify at this time.

Many constituents are already struggling under the weight of rising property taxes, and adding an expensive project of this magnitude will only exacerbate the issue. The last thing homeowners and businesses need is an additional tax hike to fund this expenditure when essential services and infrastructure require attention. Our community's financial well-being should be the priority, and this project does not align with that responsibility.

Furthermore, if the existing golf course requires improvements, there is a more fiscally responsible way to approach the issue. Rather than bonding for an entirely new project, upgrades can and should be made incrementally over time. Addressing necessary repairs and enhancements in phases would allow for responsible budgeting without placing an unnecessary financial strain on taxpayers.

I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternative solutions that do not require excessive spending or additional debt. Fiscal responsibility and the well-being of our community must come first.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wheeler Russell

Ward 2

From: | Ortega <iortega3@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 11:31 AM

To: * City Clerk

Subject: Opposed to City allocation of funding for Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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Good morning, City Clerk's office,

I would like to share with you and the City of Concord's Council Members my opposition to the City Council supporting the Beaver Meadow Golf project and the request for the \$8 Million dollar funding for renovation of the clubhouse and parking lot.

As a taxpayer of Concord (Penacook), it is my opinion that the funding of this renovation projection should not be a priority for the City's consideration, nor of our tax dollars. When there are so many other basic needs the City should be putting their focus on and our tax dollars towards, the residents of Concord and Penacook should not bear the burden of this project.

High priority projects such as the new middle school, the new police department and other key projects should be consideration for funding over the golf club.

Respectfully, I ask the City of Concord City Council to vote no for approving this project.

Regards,

Irene Ortega Penacook resident

Dear Ms. Bonenfant,

I am writing to express my support for investing in Beaver Meadow (cross-country skiers, snowshoers, ice skaters, and golf) community club. I believe it holds tremendous value for our city and its residents.

A community club offers more than just a place to play a sport; it fosters connections, promotes health, and enhances the overall quality of life. All sports activities encourage physical activity for individuals of all ages, providing exercise that contributes to mental and physical well-being. Additionally, a community club serves as a gathering space, bringing people together in a shared environment of camaraderie and mutual respect. This space offers community benefits, which is used for winter and summer activities for residents of all ages, most of which are for no fee whatsoever.

Furthermore, the economic benefits of a well-maintained golf facility are substantial. A thriving golf club attracts tournaments, visitors, and events, boosting local businesses and generating revenue for the area. Investing in a community golf club also creates jobs and support local industries, such as hospitality and retail.

Beyond recreation and economics, a golf club can contribute to education and inclusivity. The community golf course offers youth programs, introducing children to the sport while teaching valuable life skills like discipline, patience, and teamwork. By ensuring Beaver Meadow remains accessible to all members of our community, we can promote diversity and create a welcoming space for everyone.

In light of these compelling reasons, I urge our community leaders and residents to consider the long-term value of supporting a community golf club that pays for itself with operating revenue gained by the city for the dozens of golf tournaments it hosts to support profit and non-profit groups holding fundraising efforts to help the community groups in raising funds that provide access and care to our city's most fragile residents. This allows for access to care for many that aren't enough for our city residents to survive. These non-profits rely on these supplemental fundraising dollars earned at these tournaments for these services. Such an investment enriches our present and leaves a lasting legacy for generations to come.

An investment in Beaver Meadow will allow generations of Concord families to access this community resource for years to come.

Regards,

Tonya Rochette

Tonya.rochette@gmail.com

Concord, NH

From:

Matt Adams < madams 912@gmail.com >

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 11:55 AM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow golf course

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Please do not spend the money for a new clubhouse at Beaver Meadow golf course. Taxes are so high in Concord already. I don't want my money going to the few people that golf there.

Maybe pay teachers more or not make us pay for trash pick up with the purple bags.

Thank you, Matthew Adams Concord resident

From:

Kara Adams < kladams17@icloud.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 10, 2025 12:31 PM

To:

* City Clerk

Subject:

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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Good afternoon,

As a Concord, New Hampshire, taxpayer and resident, I'm sending this email to oppose the Beaver Meadow golf course. I feel strongly that our taxes are high enough and that if anything, we should be paying our teachers more. I do not believe that this benefits the majority of the city of Concord.

Thank you for your consideration Kara Adams