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From: Bethany Clarke <bethanymariahclarke@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 7:50 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Re: Comments for June 8th-Beaver Meadow specific

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UPDATED COMMENT--SEND THIS ONE PLEASE <3 Thanks!!

Dear City Council,

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to keeping taxpayers' costs down during the finance meetings in May!

Unfortunately, I continue to see issues in the city's distribution of funds. The funding is disproportionately increasing quality of life for the rich while taking away funding and services from the lower and middle class citizens.

See [My recent op ed in the Monitor](#) which shares statistics about how wealthy white men are the primary users of golf courses. This is data taken nationally in the US. That being said, it is unethical for our city government, whose duty is to serve all citizens, to continue funnelling massive resources to Beaver Meadow or the Arena when we have other more pressing community safety/public health needs in recreation such as trash cans in our public parks and replacing the 200 trees cut down at Memorial Field. If we look beyond recreation, we could add to the list housing the unhoused, substance abuse prevention and traffic safety for pedestrians and bikes and the library.

I'm white, from an upper middle class background and grew up playing golf in Gilford, NH at Bolduc Park and Pheasant Ridge Country Club. I also rode horses and I currently rock climb and ski. I realize these are all rich white people's sports and I enjoy them. However, I don't expect my neighbors to fund building and maintenance of my stables, my rock climbing gym, or my ski mountain, and especially not during a time when the city is getting less federal and state funds.

Many people (who probably don't play golf or hockey or ski) are getting priced out by the tax hike, not to mention that over 10 unhoused people have died. In 10 years, hopefully our city will be in a better place and we will have lots of extra money to spend on all the fun, expensive sports. However, that time is not now.

Again, thank you for all you do and I appreciate you serving our city.

Bethany

P.S. Here's a little bit about why trees in cities are good for us! <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/urbanforests/conference>

On Sun, Jun 7, 2026 at 7:31 PM Bethany Clarke <bethanymariahclarke@gmail.com> wrote:

Ah! I'm so sorry but I need to edit this. Can you send in this one to them instead? I got more information that changed my thoughts.

On Sun, Jun 7, 2026 at 7:23 PM Bethany Clarke <bethanymariahclarke@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Clerk,

Could you please forward this comment to the city council for tomorrow night? Thank you!
Bethany

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Unfortunately, I continue to see issues in the city's distribution of funds. The funding is disproportionately increasing quality of life for the rich while taking away funding and services from the lower and middle class citizens. I would be much more okay with a tax increase if I knew the funds were addressing more pressing community needs.

The issue at stake tonight is Beaver Meadow which looks like it's slated to request \$22,000 for a pond. [My recent op ed in the Monitor](#) shares statistics about how wealthy white men are the primary users of golf courses. This is data taken nationally in the US. That being said, it is unethical for our city government, whose duty is to serve all citizens, to continue funnelling massive resources to Beaver Meadow when we have other more pressing community safety needs in recreation such as trash cans in our public parks and replacing the 200 trees cut down at Memorial Field. If we look beyond recreation, we could add to the list housing the unhoused, substance abuse prevention and traffic safety for pedestrians and bikes and the library.

A pond is a want, not a need.

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Why was nothing cut from the golf budget this year? That was not an ethical decision for our city, knowing that many people (who probably don't play golf) are getting priced out by the tax hike, not to mention that over 10 unhoused people have died. To add a pond (or really anything) to the list of what golfers get is quite tone deaf to the situation. In 10 years, hopefully our city will be in a better place and we will have lots of extra money to spend on golf and other expensive sports. However, that time is not now.

Again, thank you for all you do and I appreciate you serving our city.

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Bethany Clarke, ward 7

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From: S Woods <susanwoodsnh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:14 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: 6/8/2026 Concord City Council Meeting Items 21/22 related to Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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For circulation in advance of tonight's CityCouncil Meeting

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing in support of items 21/22 on the agenda related to additional funds for the purchase of a three-phase transformer at Beaver Meadow for the utility installation to support snowmaking at Beaver Meadow. SkitheBeav has committed to funding this unanticipated expense..

SkitheBeav has been working on bringing limited snowmaking (one snowfan) to Beaver Meadow for several years. Two years ago they demonstrated snowmaking with a borrowed snowfan.

Last December SkitheBeav funded the purchase of a snowfan which they thought would be running with power and water delivered near where snow was to be made. However delays in the construction of the new clubhouse also delayed work on the parking lot which delayed getting utilities (water and power) out to where snow was to be made.

Despite these set-backs, SkitheBeav rented a diesel generator to supply power and used volunteer labor to manually run the hoses required to get the water from the existing hydrant near the clubhouse out to the snowfan. A lot was learned in the process about making snow but it also reinforced the need to have a hydrant in close proximity to the snowfan. That was a lot of water hose for volunteers to deal with at nighttime in very cold temperatures.

Having snowmaking is critical for supporting school teams as well as recreational skiers.

I also urge you to fund the replacement of the water line out to the pond for winter ice skating. It is important that the city support non-golf recreational activities at Beaver Meadow which will increase the use of the new clubhouse year-round. Having easily accessible outdoor activities in the winter is so important to the mental and physical health of our residents. Skiing and skating are life-long sports.

Thank you,

Susan Woods, Ward 5D

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