

July 29, 2019

Town of Fine
State Highway 3
Star Lake, NY. 13690

Attn: Connie Snider, Town Supervisor
Town Board Members

Dear Connie,

Thank you for your prompt response and explanation to our letter of June 5th. We appreciate your input stating that the golf course is a "financially independent " entity, but the Town of Fine 2019 Budget states otherwise. (See Preliminary Town Budget of 11/15/2018 and organizational meeting of January 9, 2019.). How can the golf course be financially independent and be also included on the town budget statement? Unless we are reading the town budget wrong, the golf course has been budgeted \$100,000 by the Town of Fine, and the golf course employees have been listed as part of the approved town payroll. The golf course cannot be both a "financially independent " institution and also be part of the proposed Town of Fine Budget. Are we correct in this statement?

We appreciate that the "Friends of the Golf Course " are attempting to improve the golf course independently, but they are spending beyond their means. The town should not be loaning them money to pay for their unpaid balance without a written loan agreement in effect. Are we correct in this statement? We understand that grant monies are being used for the tourism part of the golf course (which is a positive), but the Wanakena footbridge and the golf course clubhouse are two totally different issues. You don't have to pay to use the footbridge, but you do have to pay to use the golf course.

Finally, we feel lucky to have a golf course in our community to use, but feel that closer scrutiny of town funds need to be adhered to in the future, so that taxpayers are not being penalized by overspending.

Sincerely,

Dan and Roberta Szewczyk