



Town of Barnstable Barnstable Golf

Hyannis Golf Course, 1840 Route 132, Hyannis, Ma 02601 (508) 362-2606

Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, 1460 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Ma 02648 (508) 420-1141

Director of Golf: Jesse Schechtman

Golf Committee November 12th 2024 Meeting Called to order; 1:30pm Minutes; Draft

Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings. No one responds as taping the meeting. Chair Hochstein also reads the executive order on remote participation via zoom and that the meeting is being recorded and will air on channel 18 after the meeting concludes.

Roll Call:	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Absent

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes from the October 8th, 2024 meeting

John points out two errors. James was not listed as present however not in attendance, and the dates for the “Divot Days” were posted as November when they should’ve been October.

A motion is made to accept the corrected minutes by John Cookson, seconded by Geoff Converse.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor with exception of Susanne Conley who abstained.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley via Jesse Schechtman

Deep tining of the greens at both courses went well especially considering our concerns about the root health. Fairway aeration was planned, but we had to pivot to leaf cleanup as they are falling a lot earlier than usual due to the dry and windy conditions.

For the first time in my entire career, the greens are hot the time of year. We had to water them using spray rigs because the irrigation system has already been blown out. We could really use some rain.

Organic fertilizer will be applied to the greens ahead of the next substantial rainfall.

A heavy topdressing will also be applied, as this helps protect the greens for the winter months.

Still waiting on our fairway movers from TPC.

Temporary tees will be installed on all par threes and two cups will be cut into each green at Olde Barnstable for the winter.

Keith thanks those who participated in the “Divot Day” at each course. All fairway divots were filled which makes a huge difference.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman

Early signup program has begun. We already have 21 new members signed up for the 2025 season.

Bids for the clubhouse were due this past Thursday. We received multiple bids in eight of the nine categories, with only one bid in one of them. Bids for the general contractor are being accepted for two more days.

The selection committee has until the 28th of this month to provide their recommendations to procurement, which means we should have all bids awarded by the first week of December. Work will then begin once all contracts are signed, and all paperwork is in place.

We have not yet settled with our insurance company, but that should not slow anything down at this point.

The general contractor will report to a private sector company we have retained for project oversight.

Food and beverage for the 2025 season remains an unknown. We are unable to go out to bid / offer a lease to a vendor without knowing when the building will be open. We are hopeful that we can offer some level of food and beverage service, albeit in a limited capacity.

Revenue through the end of October is solid at \$180,000 over forecast.

The 2025 calendar year fee hearing was earlier today. It went well and the Finance Director was aligned with us in our attempt to create a fee structure that avoids or limits borrowing from reserves to balance the budget.

The Town Manager will now accept public comments for 30 days before alerting us to his decision, which could be a full acceptance, an acceptance with reductions, or a rejection altogether.

Hyannis GC will be closing for the season as of this coming weekend, as will the restaurant at Olde Barnstable.

Keith speaks about the Turkey Open, which was recently held at Olde Barnstable.

Approximately \$2,000 was raised and donated to local food banks. Another example of how Barnstable Golf benefits the local community.

John asks about recently submitted CIPs. We currently have two up for review. One is for the funding of three separate consultants (irrigation designer, golf course architect, and GPS mapping of the property) to create a plan for the redesign of the irrigation system with an eye towards water conservation via an increase in naturalized areas at Hyannis GC. The second is for an equipment storage building at Olde Barnstable. Those will not be voted on until May.

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Susanne Conley SECONDED by Geoff Converse.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 2:33 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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