





# 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**

December 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

Meeting Called to order; 1:00pm 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 Absent
MARK BUSHWAY Absent
BILL SYLVA Present
JASON AUBEE Absent

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

**Public Comments; NONE** 

#### Act on Minutes from the November 12th, 2024 meeting

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

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

#### **Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley**

James speaks about reasons why course closures and/or delays may occur this time of year. The greens are still stressed from the drought conditions earlier in the fall and must be protected in the off-season. We ask golfers to be respectful of these decisions. Temporary greens have been installed on several holes and will be used as needed. A discussion takes place regarding how aggressive we should be with regards to using temporary greens. The fairway mowers have arrived at Hyannis – that is the last of the equipment package we've been waiting for. We are in the process of auctioning off a good bit of our old equipment. Those funds will go into our reserves. We'll be focusing on some tree work, notably the left side of the 12<sup>th</sup> hole at Hyannis near the tee boxes, the right side of the 5<sup>th</sup> hole and left of the gold tee on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Olde Barnstable. We received water quality testing results from the pond on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole at Olde Barnstable. The results were excellent, and this is one of the last pieces we've been waiting on with regards to Audubon certification.

## **Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman**

The early signup program has begun, and we've sold 40 passes since the start of November. The Town Manager has approved our fee proposal for the 2025 calendar year. Our annual mailer will be sent out in early January. This will include a 2025 application, a letter from staff, and the 2025 event schedule. We'll again be

running the annual pass raffle. Anyone purchasing their 2025 pass in January or February will be entered for a chance to win one of seven great prizes, the biggest of which is the annual pass itself. All pro shop credit will expire at the end of the calendar year. Revenue through the end of November is solid, up around \$200,000 over forecast. Not much revenue is forecasted for December or January so that number is unlikely to move much over the next couple months. A general contractor has been selected (Collins Construction out of Fall River), which was the final vendor to be put in place for the Hyannis clubhouse project. This general contractor was vetted by the private company we hired to provide project oversight. We are now waiting for contracts to be signed prior to a pre-construction meeting which should happen in January. At this point we are unsure about what if any food and beverage arrangements will be in place for the 2025 season. A discussion takes place regarding making sure the entire committee is involved in setting rates and fees for the 2026 season and beyond.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Geoff Converse SECONDED by John Cookson.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor Adjourn; 2:15 pm Respectfully submitted Susan Shanley

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