



# 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 June 10, 2025 Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm Minutes

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	Present

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

### Public Comments; NONE

### Act on Minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting

A motion is made to accept the minutes by Susanne Conley, seconded by Bill Sylva.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

### Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley

We are very happy with the greens at both courses right now, especially with the root system.

Mass DEP still has us in a level 2 drought, which means we are limited with our watering. They do not meet for another month, so this will not change until at least then.

The newly expanded forward tee on number seventeen at Hyannis is open for play and looks great.

Both courses got their main entrances spruced up a bit with some mulch and flowers.

In the near future we'll be addressing some of the worst greenside bunkers – edging, sand replenishment, etc.

This is being done in-house and will be done as time, staffing levels and funds allow. Suzanne asks about the different types of sand and James explains that bunker sand is very refined and much more expensive.

The Audubon walk went very well, the kids saw all kinds of wildlife at OBF.

We still need to submit more water testing to Audubon for our certification. Results for the testing we've done so far have come back fantastic, the water on three is almost potable.

We're doing a little better with staffing having hired a couple new seasonal employees at each course.

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

We are in tournament season. Two member-member events have been hosted at OBF. The men's club championship at OBF is currently taking place. The ladies club championship at Hyannis is coming up in a couple weeks, as is a one-day member-guest at OBF.

Next week there will be a project kick-off meeting regarding the OBF cart barn project. This is a \$115,000 project to replace the roof and overhead doors. This project was approved over two years ago.

Regarding the Hyannis clubhouse, the latest construction schedule shows an estimated completion date of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Change orders have delayed the project, along with negotiations regarding credits and expenses from scheduled and unscheduled work. Some of this work is permitted through the state and cannot commence until after Labor Day. We are hoping to be back into the building sometime in November.

The insurance settlement is still ongoing. The total project is expected to be around \$3M, and we expect to be reimbursed for approximately half.

Jason suggests closing OBF this winter whether the Hyannis clubhouse is ready or not. Jesse says we will certainly have the discussion if needed. Hopefully it's a non-issue and the clubhouse is ready.

May was a fantastic month revenue-wise, beating projections by over \$50,000. We are currently on pace to make a contribution to reserves of at least \$80,000.

Moving forward we are going to have a six-figure yearly payment due to the clubhouse project, and this needs to be considered when discussing rates for the coming season(s).

This past Thursday our FY26 budget was approved unanimously by Town Council.

Susanne discusses the recently formed Committee to Review the Purpose Composition Functionality and Effectiveness of the Standing Committees of the Town. Golf was discussed at the most recent meeting.

Susanne states that there is a general misunderstanding of what the Golf Committee actually does. One specific example is the assumption that the committee members would vote against rate increases simply because they themselves are golfers. She contacted committee chair and Town Councilor John Crow to discuss inviting at least Keith, if not additional Golf Committee members, to a future meeting to get better clarity on the duties and functions of the Golf Committee.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Bill Sylva SECONDED by Susanne Conley.**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:21 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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