



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 July 8, 2025 Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm Minutes

Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A.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	Absent
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Absent

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & CHRIS WHITE

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting

A motion is made to accept the minutes by Susanne Conley, seconded by John Cookson.
Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – Chris White

Most full-time staffers have been working seven-day weeks. The lack of rain has made things extremely difficult, and we are doing the best we can in dealing with it. We are currently in a “significant” drought. Mass DEP is meeting tomorrow, and we are hoping they do not move us into a “critical” drought, which would drastically decrease our allowed water usage. You will see brown areas on the course, nothing we can do about that given the current watering restrictions.

The organic fertilizer we put out in mid-May really didn’t do much, so we went out again today and re-applied. Bunker work is ongoing at both courses – this includes edging, sand replenishment and drainage. This is a slow process due to both staffing levels and the sheer volume of golfers on the course at any given time. The wood liners you see on a number of the bunkers we have reshaped will have to remain there until the sod takes root. It will be up to the Golf Professionals whether those are treated as ground under repair.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman

The latest Hyannis clubhouse construction schedule now shows late September as a completion date. It needs to be noted that we will not be immediately moving into the building upon the contractors leaving. There are still a substantial number of issues that need to be addressed prior to the building getting up and running.

The financial component of the project has become a bit clearer, and indications are that the Golf Division will have a yearly debt payment of approximately \$100,000 for the next 20 years.

FY25 is officially in the books, and it was a successful year. For the first time ever, Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds took in over one million dollars in greens fee revenue. Over 76,000 rounds were played in total between the two courses, with member play accounting for 59% of those rounds. We exceeded the revenue forecast by approximately \$300,000.

Next month we will begin our discussion regarding rates for the 2026 season. With substantial increases in expenses on the horizon due to inflation, contractual obligations, the Hyannis clubhouse project, and necessary upgrades; we need to have a robust conversation about our pricing structure and overall operational model.

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

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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