



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 January 14, 2025 Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm 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	Absent
	JOHN COOKSON	Absent
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Present

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN, JAMES BENTLEY & CHRIS GONNELLA

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting

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

Hyannis Clubhouse Update – Chris Gonnella, Director of Community Services

Collins Construction has been selected as the general contractor. This company, from Fall River, has successfully completed many projects throughout Massachusetts and within Barnstable. They were vetted by both Town staff and our private sector architectural firm. We have held a kickoff / pre-construction meeting, during which a timeline was provided. Demolition will begin in mid-February and the estimated timeline for completion of the project as a whole is the end of July. Uninterrupted golf operations was highlighted as a priority during the meeting. This is a major project with many vendors that all come with logistical needs for vehicles, dumpsters, storage units, etc. We are working on a schematic that will allow for golf operations to be as unaffected as possible. Emptying the building of all equipment is ongoing. We have also cleaned and tested all kitchen equipment so that we can begin the process of an RFP for a concessionaire once the project is completed. Acquiring a mobile concessionaire ahead of the clubhouse being completed is highly unlikely for numerous reasons, including the lack of a liquor license and on-site food/product storage issues. We continue working with our insurance company towards a final settlement. As with any major project, there will be obstacles and challenges during the construction, and we greatly appreciate the public's patience and understanding.

Chairman Hochstein reads a statement he would like on the record:

As we all know, in a few short weeks it is going to be the second anniversary of the broken water pipe and consequent damage to the Hyannis clubhouse prompting closure of the building. It has been very confusing to the passholders as to why this has taken two years to get to this point. The closing of the building has had a negative impact on the quality of our program and our financial bottom line, and this in turn has had a negative impact on our ability to maintain our level of reserve account to make needed improvements to the courses and charge a reasonable fee to our passholders. With the upcoming loan payment for the clubhouse reconstruction, our financial commitments will be even more difficult. In addition, the golf program has lost rent for two years from the restaurant. We have lost fees from golf tournaments and golf outings, and fees from non-passholders who would have chosen to play at Hyannis but instead went to other places because of a whole lot of reasons. The Town of Barnstable has been very supportive of golf in the past, and I want to emphasize that again. I am making this statement because with this two year anniversary of this disastrous event, I want to be a voice supporting the golf program.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley, Director of Golf Maintenance

Temporary greens have been installed. This will allow golfers to play even when the greens are unfit for foot traffic. We've been doing some tree work on the fifth hole at OBF, the entire right side of the hole. Also at Hyannis on the twelve hole – tree work has been completed left of the tee boxes. These are substantial improvements in terms of the playability of both of those holes. All new Hyannis turf equipment has finally been delivered, and we have auctioned off numerous older items which netted us around \$40,000.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman, Director of Golf

The annual mailer will be going out very soon.

We are currently up about \$190,000 over forecast for the year.

I'm proud to report that our very own Merry Holway, PGA has been inducted into the Wareham High School Hall of Fame for not just golf, but volleyball and basketball as well.

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

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:31 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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