



# 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 March 11, 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.

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

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

### Public Comments; NONE

### Act on Minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting

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

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

Thank you to Chris Gonnella for going to Town Council for an emergency appropriation. This was for irrigation pumps replacement at Olde Barnstable. This was just under \$50,000 which will come from our reserves, and Town Council pass it through unanimously. We will need to get the irrigation well at Hyannis inspected in the fall of 2025.

It was a difficult winter in terms of course conditions, but it looks like we came out of it in decent condition. Using temporary greens at Olde Barnstable was key.

We are done with our scheduled tree work. This includes left of twelve tee at Hyannis, right of the fifth hole at OBF from the landing area all the way up to the green, and left of the Gold tee on the eighteenth at OBF.

We are currently verti-cutting fairways and tee boxes at both courses. This helps eliminate thatch and improve overall turf health.

We are still planning on expanding the forward tee on number seventeen at Hyannis.

Keith asks about the Osprey nest left of seven tee at OBF, and notes concerns that it might not be tall enough and that explains the lack of inhabitation. James agrees that might be the case and will look into raising it.

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

New carpeting has been installed in the lobby and pro shop at OBF.

The restaurant is opening with limited hours this coming weekend.

Seasonal employees are currently being onboarded. The vast majority of our seasonal staff is returning. There are no changes to full-time staff.

New merchandise is arriving into our shops. Shop sales have been very good in recent years.

Registration for the first tournament of the year (3-Club Shootout) is now open. 3/29 at OBF.

The RFP for a new roof and overhead doors at the OBF cart barn should be going out to bid in the near future.

We are still awaiting decisions on the CIPs and Decision Packages for FY26.

Hyannis GC is scheduled to open Monday, March 24, weather pending.

Construction work at the Hyannis GC clubhouse has begun. The speed and professionalism with which the work is being done has been impressive. The projected completion date is the end of July.

The upper (blue) tee at Hyannis GC will be closed for the year, as they need that space for equipment staging.

Annual pass sales have been coming in nicely. February sales were five percent over forecast (\$420,000 vs \$400,000). The drawing for the early signup raffle will be conducted at the April meeting.

Overall revenue remains around \$200,000 ahead of forecast, as it has been for the previous several months.

Jesse speaks about how the Decision Packages and CIPs are reviewed/evaluated and says we should know fairly soon on both fronts.

Keith asks if the Hyannis clubhouse construction schedule could be shared at future meeting. Jesse confirms.

Jesse states that our current reserves are right around \$1.5M.

Jason asks about the water line into the clubhouse. Jesse says they will start excavating the parking lot on March 17<sup>th</sup>. This work should be completed by the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Susanne Conley SECONDED by Jason Aubee.**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:11 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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