



# 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 May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 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	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Absent
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Present

ALSO PRESENT; JESSE SCHECHTMAN, JAMES BENTLEY

### Public Comments; NONE

### Act on Minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting

Motion duly made by John Cookson to approve the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> Golf Committee meeting seconded by Jason Aubee.

Roll Call Vote; ALL VOTE YES

### Director of Golf Report- Jesse Schechtman

A food truck is now on site at Hyannis GC, outside the "old" pro shop. Not much else to report with regards to the building. Bill asks about the liquor license, Jesse says he believes they can sell anything in a can, but cannot pour liquor. A discussion takes place about the possibility of utilizing the deck for seating. Jesse says he does not anticipate an issue with people using the deck as a gathering space before and/or after golf.

John asks if the clubhouse project will affect which course is open over the 23/24 winter. Jesse says yes it will, and he and James will talk about that.

Jesse explains that many different things are being looked at with regards to the clubhouse renovation – fire suppression system, code compliance, etc. Asbestos testing has taken place and hopefully the demo will be starting soon.

Keith asks about Gimmy's lease moving forward once the lease is up. Jesse says nothing has been decided on that front, but explains the options.

Jesse briefly explains the "new" plans for the clubhouse. The pro shop will be slightly expanded towards the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, and the ladies room will be made smaller. Both bottom floor restrooms will be upgraded. A discussion about the viability of the snack bar adjacent the 10<sup>th</sup> tee ensues. Jesse says he'd like to see it operational but ultimately it's in the hands of the food service provider.

We have hired two new operations assistants. There will be lots of training coming up, so please bear with us.

Leagues have started at both courses, good turnouts all around so far.

Revenue is very solid at almost \$500,000 ahead of forecasted revenue through the end of April. Annual pass sales are flat with last year, which was a record year. The non-resident price increase did not seem to deter sales as a whole, as we are right in line with last year.

We will be utilizing \$50,000 in salary/vacancy savings to purchase some much needed operational items. These include a range ball washer, and James will cover the rest. Bill asks what the schedule is for range matt replacement. Jesse says the range budget allows for about five new matts and 500 dozen new balls each year.

Keith asks about bunker renovation. Jesse says yes we have plans to submit a four-year CIP for bunkers at both courses, beginning in FY25.

John asks about the status of the new carts. Jesse says we should start accepting delivery in the next two weeks, and hopefully be "whole" by the end of the month. We have been operating at about 80-85% of normal fleet size at each course.

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

James references what was purchased with the salary/vacancy savings, including a lime application (which will require starting delays) and cold-processed kelp. These are vital to our Environmentally Sustainable Land Management Plan.

Greens aerations at both courses went well, we will be dropping the height of cut very soon. Loaming and seeding is about 80% completed at Hyannis with regards to the areas affected by the cart path improvement project. We will be fertilizing soon with organic material.

Audubon certification is still a work in progress. Lots of information is being requested. We will try to include pertinent updates in Town newsletters moving forward.

Bill asks about the last fairway bunkers on the left on #18 at OBF – James says we are in the process of filling them in. Mark asks about divot-mix bottles. James says we tried it and ended up wasting a lot of seed as they were germinating in the bottles/boxes, not to mention the lack of staffing to take on the mixing, filling, etc.

Mark asks about the "blended" tees at OBF. Jesse says he has spoken with Vinny Marcantonio of MassGolf about that and we will be moving forward with creating and offering at very least a white/gold combo.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Mark Bushway SECONDED by John Cookson.**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley