





# 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 14th 2024

Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm Minutes; Draft

Vice chair Conley reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings. No one responds as taping the meeting. Vice chair Conley 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 Absent
SUSANNE CONLEY Present
MARK BUSHWAY Present
BILL SYLVA Absent
JASON AUBEE Present

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & CHRIS WHITE

**Public Comments; NONE** 

## Act on Minutes from the April 9th, 2024 meeting

Motion duly made by Mark Bushway to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Golf Committee meeting seconded by John Cookson.

Roll Call Vote: ALL VOTE YES

#### **Director of Golf Maintenance Report – Chris White**

We started wall to wall fertilization today at Hyannis GC, and will start OBF tomorrow. This is the reason for the delayed start at both courses this week. The usage of organic fertilizer means that we must wait until longer into the season to apply, as it will not kick in until soil temperatures rise to a certain level, unlike synthetic fertilizer. This is our sixth year of using this organic product. The turf has been slow to respond this season due to cold temperatures, hoping to see growth very soon.

We sodded numerous tees at Hyannis, which came out great. We also seeded several more.

The height of cut on the greens has been lowered to "in-season" levels.

OBF is fairly solid with seasonal help, Hyannis is struggling. It remains very difficult to attract and retain seasonal / part time help.

Numerous bunkers have been filled in / eliminated at both courses using plugs from fairway aeration. These areas are marked as ground under repair until the turf is ready to be played off of.

Stump grinding took place at both courses – that was completed by an outside contractor.

The new forward tees at Hyannis seem to be a big hit, specifically on holes 2 and 5.

Installation of fencing will be installed in several areas in order to control cart traffic, notably left of the sixth green at Hyannis.

Now that we're in season, it's pretty much status quo in terms of course maintenance.

Huge thank you to the entire maintenance crew for what they do each and every day.

## Director of Golf Report - Jesse Schechtman

League play has started at both courses with solid participation all around.

The Monday Quota League at Hyannis has already generated over \$6,000 in just two days of play.

We ended April at approximately \$120,000 ahead of forecast. Weather pending, we are on pace to cover all expenses and potentially make a modest contribution to our reserve account.

We are tightening up the belt in terms of expenses as there are only six weeks remaining in the fiscal year. The FY25 budget is available on the town website. It is a high level view, in that it does not include individual line items, but provides a good idea of how our revenue is broken out amongst various expense categories. We have solidified a short term lease to allow MMSFI (DBA "Gimmy's") to return with their food truck much like least year. We will also be asking them to remove their equipment from the clubhouse.

We believe we are very close to an insurance settlement for the Hyannis clubhouse. We continue to provide information to CHUBB, notably details highlighting the fact that the clubhouse is technically used as a "nightclub", in that it hosts weddings, has a dance floor, hosts live music, etc. This designation means that a fire suppression system is necessary. CHUBB is reviewing this information and we are awaiting a response. We are awaiting clarification regarding which party is responsible for HVAC and electrical system upgrades. We have submitted a CIP request to secure \$2.95M, which was unanimously approved by the Town Council. Jason suggests providing a Gantt chart in the mobile pro shop once the bidding process begins through the end of construction.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Mark Bushway SECONDED by Jason Aubee.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor Adjourn; 6:13 pm Respectfully submitted Susan Shanley

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

<sup>\*\*</sup> Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 on demand or at http://www.townofbarnstable.us/GolfComm ittee \*\*