



Town of Barnstable Barnstable Golf

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Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, 1460 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Ma 02648 (508) 420-1141
Director of Golf: Jesse Schechtman

Golf Committee December 14th 2022 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	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Present

ALSO PRESENT; JESSE SCHECHTMAN, JAMES BENTLEY

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes from the November 8th 2022 meeting

Motion duly made by Geoff Converse to approve the minutes of the November 8th Golf Committee meeting seconded by Suzanne Conley.

Roll Call Vote; ALL VOTE YES

Keith speaks about one meeting over the winter typically being skipped due to the inability of guaranteeing a quorum. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the February 2023 meeting would be skipped.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley

The cart path improvement project is moving very slowly. Bill Sylva asks about the plans for remedying the damage done to the course. James says we would prefer to wait until spring time and make the repairs ourselves. Jesse says we are hoping they finish paving in the next ten days or so, negating the need for them to come back in the spring. We need to wait and see what the next two weeks bring before formulating a plan for the spring.

Keith asks about the pricing of the project and if we were legally mandated to go with the lowest bidder. Jesse explained how the process played out and what got us to this point. Jason Aube explained a different way of soliciting and reviewing bids that could potentially be used for future projects.

Members of the maintenance staff are attending a chainsaw class being conducted near the sixth green at OBF. This will help open up that area and get more sunlight on the green.

Plans for the winter include bunker edging and pond edging – specifically holes 3 and 9 at OBF. Also planned is the stripping down of the lip on the bunker on hole 11 at Hyannis, hopefully giving players a better view of the green from the tee.

We are working on a 4 year phased bunker renovation plan. Also over the next few years we will continue filling in numerous bunkers at both courses.

Director of Golf Report- Jesse Schechtman

Merry and Tom have been busy setting up the 2023 season – that is creating the tee sheets, setting the club tournament schedule, and booking the groups to come to us every year, in addition to some new ones. It has become a delicate balancing act when it comes to group bookings, and there are plenty of cases where we've decided for various reasons that we'd be better off simply being open on any particular day.

Inside Barnstable Town Government – this is a 12 week informational endeavor with the goal of “educating the citizens of Barnstable about the operations of town government, while also obtaining valuable feedback and participation from those citizens participating in the Academy”. Basically every Tuesday for 12 weeks, one department is tasked with pulling back the curtain and showing what that they do. Golf is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st, however that may be changed as it is school vacation week and several key staffers will be away.

The rates and fees are yet to be approved. Today marks the end of the 30 day public comment period, so we expect to hear in the very near future from the Town Manager as to whether he has approved or reduced the proposed increases, or eliminated them all together. Other Towns on the Cape are taking measures to preserve resident access – Dennis is not selling any new non-resident passes, and Harwich has eliminated a discount they used to offer to residents of neighboring towns of Eastham, Chatham and Orleans.

On December 1st, the Golf Division went in front of Town Council to request that \$45,000 be freed up from our surplus for the purpose of purchasing a much needed tractor. It was approved unanimously by the Council, and after the 30 day waiting period we can get the order placed. Lead time right now for that type of equipment is over a year, so spring of 2024 is probably the reality.

Bill Sylva asks what happens if the tractor breaks down and/or needs repairs since there are no John Deere dealers in this area. James says that we are equipped to fix most things in-house unless it is something major.

We have a signed purchase order for the manufacture and installation of a new awning over the deck at Hyannis Golf Course. That came in at a little over \$26K, hoping to have that installed by mid-April. The deadline for bids for the F&B Concession here at Olde Barnstable has come and gone. We hope to have that process wrapped up in the next few weeks.

Decision packages and CIP requests have both been submitted. At this point is simply a waiting game to see what if anything gets approved and how we'll be looking for this coming fiscal year.

November was a positive month relative to budget, as we entered December right around \$140K on the good side of forecasted revenue. Prices for essential products we use are up significantly, and as great as golf's popularity is on the revenue side of things, that many more rounds puts a strain on the expense side of the budget, not to

mention the golf course itself. More rounds equals more turf compaction and stress, and certain maintenance tasks take longer because there's more golfers to navigate around.

Suzanne asks if there is any update on the timing of the delivery of the new cart fleets. Jesse said we are still on track and for now no news is good news.

John Cookson asks about the Restaurant Rent line item on the monthly revenue reports changing to Electric Reimbursement and then back to Restaurant Rent. Jesse explained that he had it changed since the only money we had received from the F&B operation was in the form of electrical reimbursement, but has since changed it back because a) he realized it technically is not revenue and thus does not belong on that report, and b) we have since received a partial rent payment.

Keith, on behalf of the Golf Committee, thanks the entire Golf Division staff for their hard work throughout the year.

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

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:13 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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