

# The Town of Barnstable Office of Community Services

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### GOLF COMMITTEE July 14, 2015 5:30PM Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course

## Meeting called to order at: 5:30PM MINUTES

Roll Call:DAVID MILLER

Present

RICHARD ALIBERTI GEOFFREY CONVERSE MARY CREIGHTON EDIN NACAR EDWARD HICKEY BRIAN CONWAY Present Present Present Present Present Present

ALSO PRESENT: BRUCE MCINTYRE CHRIS WHITE

> Chair Miller reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetingsone responds as taping this meeting

Chair Miller congratulates Bruce and the entire staff for achieving a surplus of approximately \$150k for the recently closed books of FY 2015. This is a super achievement with no revenue from January through some of April.

Public Comments: N/A

Act on Minutes from the June Meeting- Chair Miller I would like to table the minutes to the next meeting, I feel it was somewhat out of order and I would like to sit down and go over them with Wayne. Can I get a motion to table the minutes to the August meeting?

Motion duly made by \_\_Brian Conway\_\_ to table the minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting to the August 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 . Seconded by \_\_\_Geoff Converse\_\_\_\_ <u>Vote: so voted unanimously</u>

Chair Miller- Introduces Tip (Earle) Phillips who is the New Co-President of the Membership Association to the members of the Golf Committee

#### Old Business

Election of Chair for FY16- Chair Miller was nominated by Mary Creighton, seconded by Geoff Converse.

Moved to Close made by Richard Aliberti so Voted; All in Favor Chair Miller accepts nomination: The Committee Votes All in Favor for David Miller to remain Chair for another year

#### Election of Vice Chair for FY 16

Richard Aliberti nominates Brian Conway for Vice Chair Seconded by Mary Creighton

Geoff Converse nominates Mary Creighton for Vice Chair Seconded by Brian Conway

Chair Miller asks for anymore nominations- There are none, nominations are closed Chair asks for any discussion

Richard Aliberti shares that he nominated Brian because he is new blood and can bring new ideas and he will good to work with and available. Brian thanks Richard for the nomination but expresses that since he is new he would like more time on the committee and declines to be vice chair.

Chair Miller asks for a vote for Mary Creighton to remain Vice Chair: The Committee votes all in favor for Mary to remain Vice Chair for another year.

#### Committee Initiatives for FY'16

-Mary had made a recommendation last time we talked about this to consolidate the education of the master plan to various groups- Chair Miller hands out Initiatives for FY16<sup>1</sup> to the Committee

-Brian Conway recommends to also involve the residents of the town and the business community

Chair Miller asks for a motion to accept the initiatives. Geoff Converse makes a motion to accept with the changes from 2015 to 2016 and the addition recommended by Brian Seconded by Mary Creighton. Voted: All voted in favor to accept as amended.

#### Hyannis Plan Education-Members Association

Earle Phillips- We are very far behind but we hope to get a newsletter going and hope to educate the membership on how the association can help the golf course and community. We can help educate the Master Plan to the Membership It seems no everyone knows what is going on

Bruce- I am available to address the association anytime and can help if needed

Earle suggests giving out the master plan in pieces because a large amount of information may be too much – topic discussed. Also discussed ways to share email lists to better reach the members and inform them about the membership association and events sponsored by them.

Chair Miller asks Earle to share information about the upcoming scholarship tournament on August 6<sup>th</sup> at OBF Earle- It is going well and we are getting a large amount of raffle items and donations, it is a 1pm shotgun with dinner to follow and there is a luau theme this year. We should be able to have enough money raised to give out \$3000 in scholarships to Town of Barnstable Students.

#### 2016 Rate Discussion

Bruce- I am not putting out a formal proposal tonight, I would like to hear your ideas first. We can review all ideas and vote in August if we are ready or possibly September

Edin- Numbers look good, are we providing affordable golf? It seems we are pricing competitively. With a % of tee slots open can we offer a more affordable golf experience in the Town of Barnstable- Topic discussed Bruce explained why we have rates the way they are , and Chair Miller expressed we need to have a fair balance or the membership will go down Mary Creighton- With the surplus at the end of last year I feel we should not be raising rates Bruce- We have aggressive budget for this year hopefully the trend will continue

Brian- I wouldn't want to raise rates until we tell everyone what we need to do over the long term to improve the facilities and once people start seeing the changes in the buildings and on course it will be easier to raise rates if we need to for 2017.

Geoff- What's the thing that golfers talk about most, the course. I don't think we need to raise the rates at all; there are not many municipal golf courses that are better than Olde Barnstable. We as a group need to realize that the clubhouse is very important to be able to host events. – Topic discussed

Richard Aliberti- I really have no comment I am at the lowest member rate. Bruce asked he feels about the rate and the others he knows that also get the rate. Richard – We can't complain about the rate

Chair Miller- Feels the rates are good the way they are now.

Edin- Wanted to specify that he was talking about the resident rated and offering a lower rate for residents- topic discussed

Bruce- We had a management meeting, some ideas we came up with were essentially no increases for pass holder but adding perks to being a pass holder and reminding them of some perks they do get i.e. reciprocal rate.

- We talked about- a further reduced cart rate for pass holders.
  - reduced resident green fee at Hyannis
  - over 80 group all being \$500 and staying at that price
  - mid day rate year round
  - pass holder appreciation month
  - pass holder guests reduced rate

Chair Miller asked about points when you bring guests and that it should be looked at. It is a disincentive to bring guests. The more guests you bring the more points you get, - topic discussed

Richard Aliberti- On the new non resident adult passes do you know where they are coming from. Bruce not exactly, it seems most of them are coming from Sandwich

Chair Miller- Next meeting we will talk about the rates and hopefully be able to vote on them after we have our second talk

Geoff Converse- Back to the points system, what are the points for back nine or nine hole play -Bruce/Wayne - there are zero points for showing up for the back nine or twilight

#### New Business

Golf Director's Report- Bruce

- ADA project should start in the next two weeks at Hyannis
- We are looking at late winter or early spring to get the other major projects started at the courses
- There are many projects in the queue around town that need to be looked at and started
- The Town Manager and Senior Staff are planning meetings about major projects that are coming up and the Hyannis Master Plan is a topic that will be covered. We are going to submit the plan for FY17 and start a RFQ for a marketing analysis
- Please talk up the courses they are in fantastic shape Cape Cod Life OBF #1 public golf course on Cape Cod
- Please vote for OBF I am going to send you a link please vote for OBF

Director of Golf Maintenance Report- Chris White

- Both Courses look good we are happy with the results so far
- Started bunker work at both courses, edging and filling in with sand

- #10 filling in at OBF behind the green and Hyannis on the left side of the fairway near 11 tee
- Also as it gets hotter we will have to be watering during the day, please be patient with us it needs to be done

Brian Conway – Comments on the newsletter and that the print was a little small on a portion. Closing Public Comments : NONE

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN DULY MADE BY Mary Creighton SECONDED BY Geoff Converse Vote: so voted unanimously

Adjourn: Time: 6:55pm

Next Golf Committee meeting scheduled Tuesday August 11th, 2015 at Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds

Respectfully submitted Wayne R. Malcolm Recording Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> FY 2016 Committee Initiatives