



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 February 8th 2022

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

**Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm
Minutes; Approved**

Roll Call:	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present 5:40PM
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Absent

ALSO PRESENT; JESSE SCHECHTMAN, WAYNE MALCOLM, CHRIS WHITE,
TOM ROURKE, MADELINE NOONAN

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes from the January 11th 2022 meeting

Motion duly made by Geoff Converse to approve the minutes of the January 8th 2022 Golf Committee meeting seconded by Susanne Conley

Roll Call Vote; ALL VOTE YES

Director of Golf Report- Jesse Schechtman

We are very pleased to finally and formally introduce Tom Rourke, who is the new and improved Head PGA Professional at Hyannis Golf Course. Tom as you know comes to us from right down the road at Cummaquid Golf Club, where he served as their first assistant for the last 11 years. Coming from a private club like that means he is no stranger to providing a high level of customer service; Tom's immediate challenges will be learning the municipal way of doing things which believe it or not isn't always a straight line between two points. He has certainly had a lot dumped on him over these last few weeks, as will continue to be the case for at least the foreseeable future, but I have no doubt he will emerge from the rubble unscathed.

Tom Rourke shares some of his experiences over the years and how he is looking forward to working with the committee and the pass holders at Barnstable Golf

John Cookson welcomes Tom and shares some common ties they have.

Susanne Conley welcomes Tom and explains her role with Barnstable Ladies Golf Association and some of the events they hold at the golf courses.

Chair Hochstein congratulated Tom and welcomed him to Barnstable Golf.

Jesse Schechtman – Budget

January came in basically dead even with projections in terms of revenue, so really no movement there – we still sit at about \$145K to the good on that side of things. Now we are getting into the really heavy months in terms of revenue. Hopefully the annual pass renewals keep coming in at a steady pace. Expenses are up and I am concerned, we will be doing everything we can to get a hold on that, and it means we absolutely will be going without some things that we'd really like to have entering into the busy spring season (granted a lot of them we probably couldn't get anyway with these crazy supply chain issues lingering). I think it's worth reminding everyone that it does not matter how much revenue is coming in, we can only spend what's been appropriated.

As far as opening day for Olde Barnstable – Merry and I aiming for Monday, March 14th, but obviously weather could push that back. That's only 5 weeks away, which is crazy given that it feels like winter just started.

We have some other exciting news on the staffing front. Back in the spring of 2019 when we embarked on what we are calling the Environmentally Sustainable Land Management Plan, one of the first things Bruce and Chris did was hire a nationally recognized consultant by the name of Dr. Frank Rossi. Dr. Rossi is an award winning professor at Cornell University who specializes in exactly what we are attempting to do here with our golf courses. One of the things that Dr. Rossi felt very strongly about is this being a full time job – that is to say we need someone on staff who dedicates not just a portion, but virtually ALL of their time to the development and implementation of a successful program.

Well, it may have taken 3 ½ years, but I'm happy to say that the Town has since recognized the validity of that notion, and we will be adding a full time position to the maintenance crew. We have created a position we are simply calling Golf Course Superintendent. In terms of hierarchy, this position will sit directly below the Director of Maintenance and above the assistant superintendents. The idea being, this person will take the vast majority of the day-to-day functions away from the Director of Maintenance, freeing him up to focus almost exclusively on the organic plan. The new role of the Director of Maintenance is now that of a lot of research, experimentation, analysis, all that fun stuff. Basically we want that position to almost be that of a scientist.

Chris White has made the decision to move into that Golf Superintendent position, meaning we will have a new Director of Maintenance in the very near future. I am not going to speak to why he made that decision, that's for him to say if he chooses to. What I will say is that there is nobody more admired and respected within our division and I am beyond thankful that he is remaining with us, regardless of in what capacity

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – Chris White

Chris goes over the spring maintenance plan and the fertility of the turf. The turf is looking good heading into the season. Chris explained how he is excited to get to work with the staff on maintaining the turf and standards that are Barnstable Golf and the new Director can look into the new organic program and products. Maddie and Jesse explained the hiring process moving forward through the unions and how jobs will be posted.

Forward tees were also discussed at Hyannis on number 17 and 18 and also some other potential changes on holes 6 and 9 at Hyannis.

Chair Hochstein thanks Chris for everything he has done for Barnstable Golf and for taking a pay cut. Keith also reminded the committee the next meeting will be April 12th and that there is no March meeting this year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY John Cookson SECONDED by Bill Sylva

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:43 pm

Respectfully submitted

Wayne R. Malcolm

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