



# The Town of Barnstable

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### GOLF COMMITTEE

June 11, 2013  
MINUTES  
Olde Barnstable Golf Course

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 5:30 PM

Roll Call:           DAVID MILLER           Present  
                          RICHARD ALIBERTI           Present  
                          NANCY BEAUCHAMP       Present  
                          GEOFFREY CONVERSE   Present  
                          MARY CREIGHTON           Absent  
                          TERRY DUENAS           Present  
                          DAN GINTHER           Present

ALSO PRESENT:       BRUCE MCINTYRE  
                          CHRIS WHITE  
  
                          PAUL RUANE

#### Announcements:

- Chair Miller reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings- No one responds as taping this meeting

#### Act on Minutes from the May Meeting:

**Motion duly made by Geoff Converse\_ to approve the minutes of the MAY 14TH, 2013 meeting with the requested updates made. Seconded by Terry Duenas**

**Vote: so voted unanimously**

#### Opening Public Comments:

Paul Ruane had four topics he wanted to discuss.

#1 Lyme Disease and spraying for ticks.

-Bruce McIntyre explained that we do indeed use a spray for many insects that included ticks already.

#2 Push cart accessibility near the golf cart staging area.

-Bruce and Chris said it will be looked into more with the possibility of paving the area where the rocks are currently

#3 Standing water in the bunkers on Sunday

-Bruce and Chris addressed Paul's concern and with the amount of rain that we had received in the last week or so (12 inches in the last 10 days) being that the course is on 10 to 15 feet of clay the maintenance staff did a fantastic job getting it to where it was playable. Pumps in the bunkers would just be making noise while people are trying to play

#4 Paul expressed his concern about broadening our scope and maybe we should look into partnering with Troon golf, building a hotel and splitting the profits.

-Topic Discussed

Old Business N/A

Status:

Refreshment Carts - Bruce McIntyre

-Still waiting for Dan and Scott to move forward on the beverage carts. Snack bar has been open in the meantime on weekends and will be if there is no beverage cart is available.

IT Update - Bruce McIntyre

-Website is essentially done and we are just waiting for training from course trends in order to be able to use it properly

-Dan Ginther suggested the current calendar on the website be updated because it is empty at the moment and the junior programs should have a better link

First Tee School Program - Aliberti

-The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual First Tee School Program held at Barnstable United School on May 23<sup>rd</sup> was a huge success. 144 fourth and fifth grade students participated in the competition in the morning and afternoon sessions.

-The event was attended by councilor and Vice President Jessica Rapp Grasseti and Director of Community Services, Lynn Poyant. Physical Education teachers and High School Varsity coaches Mike Sarney and Tom Turco were two of the nine judges of the competition. Representing the City Of Everett, which has the only other First Tee National School Program competition in Massachusetts, was Everett High School Vice Principal, Dr Omar Easy.

-The Olde Barnstable and Hyannis Golf Course Members' Association donated \$527.00 to the school program towards medals for the participants and trophies for the competition winners.

2014 Rate Discussion

**INITIAL DISCUSSION ON RATES FOR 2014**

-Dan Ginther -We should look into punch cards again- topic discussed by the committee

-Range members seem to be down topic discussed by the committee on how you can change the pass to gain more revenue.

-Nancy Beauchamp- Suggested that we need approach the members and ask them to contribute to a capital improvement plan and show the town that the members are on board for renovations. An assessment fee is a great way to do that.

- Assessment fee topic discussed by the committee

Bruce- Last year we went up 2.5% on our membership fee would the committee recommend to go up on our membership fee and also add the assessment fee separately; the 2.5 % did not cover our operating budget increases.

-Dave Miller suggested raising the outside play greens fee \$1. Bruce explained that \$1 doesn't really generate revenue because we still have to discount our rates at certain times. The greens fees are very competitive already. - Topic discussed

-Geoff Converse suggested looking into a weekday only membership and opening up more tee times on the weekend. Bruce stated we can not take any tee times from our weekend members who play. Topic discussed

-Dan Ginther asked about golf now.

-Bruce- We have been using golf now but it is currently on hold.

-Geoff Converse added that he felt it may be nice for the members not to get a rate increase this year. Also that the range membership should be year round and we may get more people out to play in the colder months.

-Richard Aliberti felt we should bring back the punch cards for members who are seniors

Bruce wanted to propose a new reduced membership rates for over 80. Currently it is \$800 at 80 years old at 81 have it go down \$100 and every year until they hit 83 and the membership is \$500 then it would stay at that rate.

Manager/Superintendent Report –Bruce

-Budget review is the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. We will be talking about using 160k from the general fund to help cover administrative fees from the town. FY 2014 the fee is going up to 411k to the town.

Closing Public Comment

Paul Ruane- thinks the assessment for the members as a rate increase is a good idea

\*Chair Miller would like to thank Terry Duenas for his service on the golf committee over the years since he received his resignation letter today.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN DULY MADE BY Geoff Converse SECONDED BY Terry Duenas**

Time: 6:58 PM

Adjourn

Next Golf Committee meeting scheduled Tuesday 9 July, 2013

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne R. Malcolm  
Recording Secretary

**Please Note:** The list of matters, are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it so votes, the Committee may go into executive session.

The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda.

APPROVED