

Dennis Golf Advisory Committee - Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026
Police Training Room, Dennis Police Department
4:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Diane Ota, Mike Marten, Beth Kidwell, Don Ferris, Brandon Mogayzel

Staff: Director of Golf Maryellen Fabiano-Stowe, Assistant Director of Golf Mike Holzworth, Golf Professional Pro Mike Pry

Select Board Representative: None

1. Public Announcements: None

2. Approval of Minutes

Beth Kidwell moved to approve, Diane Ota seconded, all members voted aye to accept.

3. 2026 Tournament Schedule

Golf Professional Mike Pry presented the 2026 tournament schedule. There are a few changes to some established tournaments. This year the Pines round robin match play will be changing from a weekend event to a Wednesday through Friday schedule, May 27th to May 29th. This was determined to be a good move that would benefit the entire membership. The Club Championships will be flighted, gross tournaments. More flights have been added in the hope of attracting additional women players. To offset this Mike said they are adding a new tournament, Dennis Golf Net Championship on August 22nd and 23rd. Round 1 will be at the Pines with a champion for that day, 2nd round of play is at Highlands with a champion for that day, then an overall net champion for the event. Mike stated that Associate PGA Professional Anthony Adelizzi will be assisting him with all tournaments and Anthony will also be key in dealing with the Junior Club Championships. He also encouraged members to tell others about the junior championships to encourage more participation.

There were some questions from the committee to Mike regarding the change to the round robin, specifically that moving it to workdays vs the weekend could make it difficult for the younger, working members to be able to participate. The golfing staff believes that putting this information out this early gives ample time for people to make adjustments to their schedule if they would like to play, it also frees up more weekend tee times for the membership and frees up more staff to help with scoring.

4. Director of Golf Report

Maryellen Fabiano Stowe reported that the department is down \$4,000 from this time last year, mostly in memberships but she is not concerned since the course has been closed due to weather and people don't tend to renew their memberships when course is closed. All other categories, fees, ranges, carts and pro shop saw an increase in revenue.

Capital Improvement Projects updates

Bids are now out for the new cart barns. The committee received renderings of the plans for the exterior of the cart barns along with descriptions from the Director of the various changes being made to accommodate these new barns. One concern she has is that this project is now going to come in over budget. There are options but will have to wait to see when bids are opened. She cannot guarantee that these will be ready to go on July 1st. If she does fall short financially there are options. They could just do the Highlands cart barn, there is enough money to cover that. Then they would go to Town Meeting to request additional funding for the Pines, rebid the Pines and then award that after Town Meeting. She could also go to Finance Committee and ask for a temporary reserve fund transfer. She stated the good news is that she does have the money to offset if bids do come in over, the bad news is she does not have a legal way to expend that money without it being voted on at town meeting. However, at this point in time it is just a matter of waiting to see what the bids will be.

Irrigation System updates

On Wednesday January 21st the design team from Toro will be presenting their finalized plans for the Highlands, the Pines plans should be ready in the next 4-6 weeks. The Director is hoping that by late spring they will be able to purchase materials and then put together general contractor bids. The good news is that the courses will not have to be shut down during the construction process.

Winter golf cart use and policy

There is a serious problem with people not following the golf cart rules in the wintertime. People are driving over fences, parking on the collars by the greens, driving ON the greens, parking on tee boxes, and generally just taking carts where they should not go. 10 warning letters have gone out so far to people who have not obeyed the cart rules. A second offense is a month suspension. If this cannot get under control the Director would recommend no golf carts in the winter, as there are no rangers out there to police these offenses.

5. Public comment

Audience Joe Walker of Dennis asked the Director about maintenance work being done at the Pines. The Director responded that several trees have been taken down and they are working on the removal of those and several other things the director has asked the staff to do before April 1st. Mr. Walker also asked if there were any new remedies for the goose problem, the answer was – no. He also asked if there might be any water filling stations added since there is no longer water available out on the course. There is no money available to implement those, but she reiterated there is water available at the starter shacks on both courses.

6. Next meeting schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9 at 4 P.M. at this same location.

7. Adjournment

Beth Kidwell moved to adjourn, Don Ferris seconded, all members voted aye.

Printed handouts at this meeting:

The Agenda, minutes of October 6 2025, the 2026 tournament schedule, the financial statement and 2 renderings of the new planned cart barns.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kidwell, Clerk

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