

An aerial photograph of a golf course, showing various green fairways, sand traps, and clusters of trees. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent dark green filter. Overlaid on this background is the title text in white and a subtitle in yellow.

Preserving and Enhancing the Historic Southborough Golf Club

Irrigation System Replacement Project

Southborough Golf Committee - 2026 Fall Special Town Meeting

The Southborough Golf Club

A Unique and Popular Community Asset

- **Golf Club set on 57 open space acres in the center of Southborough**
- **Course established in 1896; acquired by Southborough in 2019**
- **A highly used town asset, with play increasing significantly since acquisition**
- **Largest group that plays the course - The Women's League**
 - **Over 50 participants!**
- **Youth Instruction available through Recreation Department**
- **One of the only CPA projects that has the potential to return funds to the Town**

18,609

rounds played in 2019

28,446

rounds played in 2025

The Need For A New Irrigation System

(Course Condition—August, 2026)



A New Irrigation System

An Important Investment For Continued Success

The Current Irrigation System is over 50 years old

- A manual system, difficult to operate, and wastes water
- A leaky system, prone to failure, and provides limited coverage of the course

A New Irrigation System

- Enables more efficient operation - will reduce personnel costs, reduce wasted water, improve course coverage
- Increased efficiency can result in increased Golf funds being returned to Town
- Reduced operational cost will improve Town's negotiating position on next course management contract

Irrigation System Project Funding

Initial CPA Funding Approved in 2024 - Project Cost Has Increased

Why is more funding required?

- **\$553,750 CPA funds approved at 2024 Southborough Town Meeting**
- **2025 Bidding process revealed that costs had escalated dramatically, partly due to need for new pump station (not part of original plan)**
- **\$1,087,296 Total Project Cost**
 - **\$553,750 CPA approved 2024**
 - **\$100,000 from Golf Revolving Fund**
 - **\$433,546 CPA 2026 request**

CPA Funding

Fully qualifies for CPA
Funding

This project qualifies for CPA
Funding because it supports the
Recreation goal of the
Community Preservation Act

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GOLF COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Golf Course Committee asks for
your support of this project that will
Preserve and Enhance the Course