

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the May 24, 2021 public meeting of the Falmouth Select Board shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

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 - i. *Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: <http://www.falmouthma.gov/BOS>.*
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4. *Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may appear remotely and are not required to be physically present. Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may contact the Town Manager/Select Board's Office to arrange an alternative means of real time participation if unable to use the Zoom virtual meeting software. Documentary exhibits and/or visual presentations should be submitted in advance of the meeting to the Town Manager's Office at townmanager@falmouthma.gov so they may be displayed for remote public access viewing.*

Present: Doug Brown, Chair; Nancy Taylor, Vice Chair; Sam Patterson; Megan English Braga, and Onjale Scott Price.

Staff Present: Julian Suso, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager.

1. Call to Order by Chair Braga at 7pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reorganization of the Select Board

Mr. Brown nominated Dr. Taylor as Vice Chair. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Chair English Braga, aye.

Dr. Taylor nominated Mr. Brown as Chair. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

4. Proclamation: Eagle Scout – Zach Morris
Mr. Patterson read the proclamation in the packet as a motion. Second Ms. English Braga. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

5. Recognition
Ms. English Braga recognized passing of Virginia Valiela and a moment of silence was held to think about her; condolences and gratitude expressed to her family.
6. Announcements
Juneteenth statement in the packet read by Dr. Taylor. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Virtual events and possibly a walk to raise awareness for this year's Juneteenth.

Memorial Day celebration will be a virtual service.

Ms. English Braga noted they will revisit the committee liaison assignments at a future meeting.

Dr. Taylor attended No Place for Hate Training, and it was phenomenal.

Dr. Taylor noted Jennifer Mullen part of the Ascertainment Hearing with Cable Advisory. Make sure Falmouth Office is maintained by Comcast, looking at infrastructure, local channels to high definition. Great support for FCTV.

7. Public Comment
Rosemary Carey, North Falmouth, leader at 350 Cape Cod that opposes the machine gun range on JBCC. Coalition learned in August 2020 of the proposal, immediately opposed the plan to clear 170 acres of forested area. Army National Guard concluded no significant impacts to the environment and no significant controversy. There is strong and widespread opposition to this plan, 200 people attended a 2.5 hour Zoom hosted by the National Guard. Copper bullets harm fish and invertebrates in Cape Cod ponds. The Environmental Management Commission can stop this, and she requested the Select Board send a letter to that Commission.

Sandra Faiman-Silva, Citizens are concerned that we have a hearing with various groups and organizations, Article 47 was meant to protect our region, those custodians have not been as supportive. Asked Select Board support for them to declare this proposal a public nuisance and threat to the environment and economy and another suitable location be found for this ill-conceived project. She would like to be on a Select Board agenda in a future meeting.

Chair Brown said the Assembly may take up this matter, consider requesting a third party overview of the environmental impacts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Administrative Orders
 - a. Vote to approve request for exemption under G.L. c. 268A, § 20(d), Disclosure appearance of conflict of interest by Special Municipal Employee, from the Conflict of Interest Law – Debby Rodgers, FCTV, Member of the cable TV negotiating team
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Ms. English Braga. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.
 - b. Designate all Seasonal positions in the Recreation Department and the part-time (<20 hours per week) Receptionist position in the Recreation Department as Special Municipal Employees
Dr. Taylor motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.
 - c. Vote to approve Falmouth Fire Rescue Department application for CoMIRS Radio Upgrade Grant funds
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.
 - d. Vote to approve request for proposals for lease of 300 Dillingham Avenue
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Mr. Brown would like to leave it up to staff to determine the backup paperwork, if there is any.

Ms. Scott Price said three different rent tiers. Peter Johnson-Staub explained that they like to identify clear categories so there is a clear rubric for assigning a rating for each criteria. This lease is not about the Town generating income from the property, but it is a factor to look at: these are annual rental payments. They can propose whatever rent they wish, and the Town needs a way to rate them.

Ms. English Braga reminded that a Town Meeting Vote with a clear vision proposed and even given all the efforts to help this come to fruition, it did not. Town took a specific vote for an idea of collaboration and now makes sense to open field and not undermine the Town Meeting vote. Goal is to get an organization to serve veterans as soon as possible.

- e. Approve appointment of Ray Jack as Falmouth representative to the Joint Base Cape Cod Military-Civilian Community Council (MCCC)
Dr. Taylor motion to approve. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.
 - f. Vote to accept donation of lot abutting Shiverick's Pond off Katharine Lee Bates Road from The 300 Committee Land Trust, Inc.
Mr. Patterson motion to accept. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye. .
 - g. Vote to approve Grant of License to New Silver Beach Improvement Association to install a lifeguard stand on the Town Beach at Silver Beach Avenue, North Falmouth
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.
- Dr. Taylor requested an update on the beaches.
- h. Vote to approve Grant of License to Elaine Aresty to maintain an existing stone wall located at 141 Sippewissett Road, Falmouth
Dr. Taylor motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion/update on COVID-19 issues
 - Discussion and vote on local face covering orders

Mr. McGann and Board of Health Chair Diana Molloy were present.

Mr. McGann noted most mask mandates expire on May 29, 2021. Vaccine registration system is going away after 5/25/21, can be gotten at pharmacies. The VNA is vaccinating those who are homebound and will continue offering this service. Three clinics have been scheduled at Falmouth Schools, about 200 registered so far and for ages 12+, will be Pfizer. Vaccination rates, we are at 77% all eligible residents have received one dose. 4/27/20 the Select Board voted to have a mask mandate and on 8/10/20 the Select Board voted mask zones; need to make decision to keep these or not. BOH voted tonight to remove the mask mandate and issue an advisory to wear masks indoors. Also voted to remove the mask zones in Woods Hole and on Main street.

Private establishments may set their own rules and conditions, they may want patrons to wear masks.

Mr. McGann said there is no guidance on gatherings.

Scott Price asked how the Select Board can support the businesses that want to keep the mask mandates but have issues with patrons having issues with the mask mandate. Mr. McGann noted that it is an advisory, but Mr. McGann could not enforce the business' decision if they choose to require masks.

Mr. Patterson motion to remove the restriction for wearing mask on Main St. Falmouth and Water St. Woods Hole. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Ms. English Braga motion to support the BOH removal of the mask mandate and substitute it with a mask advisory in indoor public places, adopting the language voted by the BOH. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

This is a voluntary advisory for those who are willing to comply. There is nothing the Town can do to intervene with concern of those wearing masks with those not wearing masks.

Ms. English Braga motion to remove the 4/27/20 and 8/10/20 mask mandates. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Grades K-12 still has a mask mandate through the end of the school year.

If Mr. Suso is in discussion with department heads and discussion with Town Counsel, if he feels the Town must do things differently and come back to the Select Board, he can do that. Mr. Suso suggested keeping the mandate in place for public buildings and reconsider at the June 7, 2021, meeting.

Mr. Patterson motion to keep the mask mandate in public buildings. Second Ms. Scott Price. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

2. Authorizing Town Manager to transmit letter to Governor and Senate President, expiration concerns of emergency provisions restaurants

Outdoor spaces have been invested in by restaurants, Ms. English Braga reached out to State representatives and the State Senator for clarity, it would be helpful for the Select Board to express their desire for clarity. This change would be in August, Mr. Patterson agreed and would like to extend outdoor seating through November 2021. The legislatures said they are working on it, and this would help.

Ms. English Braga motion to authorize Mr. Suso to draft letter on behalf of the Select Board. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

3. Special Events

Recurring - Recommended:

- a. Movies Under the Stars – Falmouth Village Association – Library Lawn – Wednesdays, 6/30/21 – 8/18/21
- b. Falmouth Sprint Triathlon – New England Endurance Events – Surf Drive Beach – Sunday, 7/11/21
- c. Rockin' Recovery Fundraiser Beach Concert – Recovery Without Walls – Old Silver Beach – Thursday, 7/29/21
- d. The Falmouth Walk – Tom Walrath – Town Hall Square Start/Finish – Saturday, 8/14/21
- e. Falmouth Road Race – Falmouth Road Race, Inc. – Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights – Sunday, 8/15/21

Ms. English Braga asked what the cap of participants would be, and the public know what will go on.

Scott Ghelfi explained that 8,000 person field would be a better transition in this environment. The application says 12,800, however they have limited it to 8,000 participants.

Dr. Taylor motion to approve with limit of 8,000 participants for the 2021 event. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

- f. Bands for Badges Music Festival – Bands for Badges, Inc. – Cape Cod Fairgrounds – Saturday, 8/21/21
- g. MS Challenge Walk – National MS Society – Start/finish North Falmouth Elementary School, bike path – Saturday, 9/11/21
- h. Striper Fest – On the Water, LLC – Marina Park & Bandshell – Saturday, 9/25/21
- i. ZOOMA Women's Race – Be Inspired Events, LLC – Old Silver Beach, Bike Path, N. Falmouth – Sunday, 9/26/21
- j. Liam Maguire's Irish Pub Almost Five-Miler – PCB Race Management – Start/finish Town Hall Square – Saturday, 10/2/21
- k. Cape Cod Marathon Weekend – Falmouth Running Club – Saturday, 10/30/21 and Sunday, 10/31/21

Robert Brown sent an email re: flag football use of the field, including 10/31/21, his program uses 9 Sundays in the Fall. They would like to conclude before the Sunday of Thanksgiving date. In 2019 the Cape Cod Marathon changed their route with no notice, Falmouth Youth Football has adjusted their game times, so they are out of Falmouth Heights before 11am; they've done that since 2014. He hasn't heard anything until he received the Select Board agenda. They would like to continue to play on last Sunday in October, 125 kids play, 10 games, the race change has caused a collateral change to their games. If the marathon comes through the Heights twice in the morning, that will interfere with the football games from 9-11am. He requests the marathon route changes. Mr. Brown was told it was impossible to do the flag football that day in 2019. He is told because the race comes through twice, it would be a traffic nightmare. At 9am there are about 65-80 players, the second half it's about 40-45 players and their families and friends. Details can be hired to remedy the dangerousness of the intersections. Flag football they are at the field at 8:30am, gone by 11:30am on regular days.

Jack Afarian email was noted by Ms. English Braga; Mr. Brown could not respond to the email and has not been able to discuss this with Cape Cod Marathon. There is not an easy way to change the route, when they changed the route in 2019 it was to make it safer for runners/volunteers, eliminated busy intersections, went through all the meetings with the Town, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Department of Public Works, Building Dept., Beach Dept., Bikeways Committee, neighborhood association, and ran into no opposition. Certifying the course is not an easy thing to do. They require the space one Sunday per year, the race begins at 8am, all runners would have passed that area on the way out. On the way back there would be congestion there, there are fewer people there around 11am. The impact would be minimized on second time around. Runners go through by about 8:30am, come back by about 10/11am, however they are spread out significantly. If they had a variance for the day to park at Worcester Court, they would not.

Dr. Taylor asked to have them work this out and come back to the Select Board on 6/7/21.

Ms. English Braga suggested Robert check in to see if the Turf Field at the FHS is available that day.

Mr. Patterson suggested holding this item for a future meeting.

Jack Afarian noted water station at Worcester Court, not at the ball field.

- l. Falmouth in the Fall Road Race – Falmouth Road Race, Inc. – Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights – Sunday, 11/14/21

Mr. Brown motion approval of the above items with the exception of items e and k. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

New – Recommended:

- a. Practice and Teach Tai Ji – Cape Cod Guang Ping Tai Ji Quqn Club – Marina Park – Fridays and Saturdays, 5/28 – 10/30/21, except 9/3, 9/4, 9/24 or 9/25.
- b. Birthday Block Party – Alcott Road (87 Alcott Rd. to Cuttysark Rd.) – Saturday, 7/3/21
- c. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Woodneck Beach – Coles – Saturday, 8/14/21
- d. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Chapoquoit Beach – Kennedy – Saturday, 8/14/21
- e. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Falmouth Heights Top of Stairway on Deck on Grand Avenue – Maranchie – Saturday, 8/28/21
- f. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Surf Drive Beach – Hurrie – Friday, 10/15/21

Chair Brown motion approval of the above items. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

4. Licenses

- a. Application for a Common Victualler License – Dilly’s Grill, LLC d/b/a Dilly’s Taqueria located at 281 Main Street, Falmouth

Adam Rebelo has Board of Health inspection scheduled for 6/1/21, he has been operating successfully on Martha’s Vineyard the last 4 years, purchased a house in Falmouth in 2017, and building roots in the Falmouth area. He grew up on Martha’s Vineyard. He plans to open second week of June. Take out based service, it has been a hit on Martha’s Vineyard and will be a great addition to the Town.

Ms. English Braga motion approval pending the health inspection. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

- b. Application for Special One-Day Liquor License – Bands for Badges Music Festival – Bands for Badges, Inc. – Cape Cod Fairgrounds – Saturday, 8/21/21

Dr. Taylor motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

- c. Application for Special One-Day Liquor License – Striper Fest – On the Water, LLC – Marina Park – Saturday, 9/25/21

Ms. English Braga noted last time there were some concerns from people with boats at the marina, wants to be sure there was good dialogue going on that the space is still available for people to get to their boats. Conversations were had, they just wanted to be sure there was access to those with boats at the marina. They have always had bussing from other areas, they run busses from Lawrence School. Demo rides with Yamaha starts about 9am, by 7pm they have left the premises completely.

Julianna Augusta commented that she appreciates, and the event is well run.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Application for an Alteration of the Licensed Premises of an All Alcoholic Common Victualler License – Chapoquoit Grill, Inc., located at 410 West Falmouth Highway, West Falmouth. Continued from April 26, 2021.

Ms. English Braga motion to continue hearing to 6/7/21 at 7:30pm. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Mr. Brown asked if Atty. Duffy be consulted on whether the parking lot should go to site plan review.

Atty. Duffy is not in position to comment on this item tonight, there is litigation regarding tenants re: use of the parking lot and has been resolved. He will take a look and advise the Select Board in the results of the litigation. Atty. Duffy will find out what the concerns are and if he can help the Select Board. Does the Select Board have the option to refer to the Planning Board if they deem appropriate?

2. Application for a Transfer of License, and Pledge of License and Inventory of an All Alcoholic Beverages Common Victualler License – C Salt Wine Bar & Grille, Inc., 75 Davis Straits, Falmouth

Ms. English Braga read the hearing notice.

Mr. Patterson noted department heads found no objection.

Mr. Schilling continuing the restaurant in Falmouth, Mr. Withers has a lot of experience, and looking forward to getting started. Mr. Withers will be the manager of the liquor license. Mr. Withers is aware that he will be responsible for all alcohol service.

Public Comment: none.

Mr. Patterson motion to close the hearing. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of authorizing the Town Manager to transmit a letter to Governor and Senate President regarding concerns on the expiration of emergency provisions related to restaurants

2. Interview applicants for the Sandwich Road Fire Station Building Committee:

- a. Christopher Simmler
Served on the building committee for the Senior Center.
- b. Marc Finneran
Served on the fire station location committee, he has been interested in this for a long time. He would like to look at building two stations identical to one another, use steel modular buildings, and modular home to house the fire fighters; it is cheap and fast. He believes this is a critical issue.
- c. Edward Pride
Grew up in Town, moved here year round about four years ago and wants to be more involved in the Town. He is Town Meeting member in Precinct 4.

Mr. Suso noted Pat Callahan applied, served on the Senior Center Building Committee.

The Select Board asked those interested to apply for this committee.

2. Report from representatives of FalmouthNet
Mr. Gaylord made a PowerPoint presentation about what they have done since the feasibility study began. The presentation is in the Select Board packet.

Mr. Brown asked about investment, about \$12-15 million from the Town for the public/private partnership. That would make them a part owner in the project, if federal grant opportunities, most likely they will require matching funds.

Ms. Scott Price asked if they do FalmouthNet and not use Comcast, is there an opportunity for FCTV through Falmouthnet and, if not, how we might handle that if it comes around. Mr. Gaylord noted if built, Comcast will still be around. It would be up to the Town to establish policy, once revenue coming in it

would be reasonable to direct some revenue to FCTV and keep them afloat. Recent changes on the federal level reduces the money FCTV will get.

Courtney Bird feels it is important to support FCTV, revenue through television is declining due to use of streaming services. It is essential to FalmouthNet's mission to have enough revenue dedicated to make sure FCTV is viable. Important to bear in mind, if we want the goals to support things like FCTV, all in Falmouth regardless of income have access to fiberoptic internet, then the Town needs to be a partner particularly in a financial sense. He would like a working group to examine issues be set up by the Town and start as soon as possible.

Mr. Gaylord said FalmouthNet would encourage a petitioner's article or if Select Board is willing to recommend it that would be even better. They will learn more between now and August regarding what the federal infrastructure for funding may be available.

Mr. Brown noted this will be added to a future agenda in June. Mr. Brown noted that supply shortages could impact projects such as this.

Mr. Patterson noted a working group would be helpful. High speed internet is critical for economies moving forward.

3. Report – Falmouth Cultural Council

Jane Parhiala reviewed their main responsibility to give out grants and explained the process. They were able to pass the funding on in spite of the pandemic. They received \$6,600 and added \$6,288 more from their own account, for a total of \$12,888 to distribute amongst the grantees. 37 applications and provided funding for 29. Reviewed some of the projects they supported, including the Falmouth Makers made thousands of masks to support organizations and people, they made lap blankets for ppl with Alzheimer's; natural death care collaborative, Falmouth Historical Society, Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum, climate change, ARTS Falmouth, College Light Opera Co, FCTV, Human Rights photo exhibit, Highfield gardens project. The council has a grantee reception to honor the grantees, last year it was not held, this year they are in discussion. Supporting the Falmouth Art Market, Thursdays 11am-5pm.

4. Report – Transportation Management Committee

Ms. English Braga suggested getting the report tonight and get feedback from Town Counsel before voting and it does not say it on the agenda.

Mr. DeWitt made a presentation, focus on Downtown parking and access, implementation of complete streets, and impacts of Steamship Authority (SSA) freight impact on the community.

Downtown parking: improved coordination with churches, better use of outlying lots, better connectivity, improved access for people with disabilities, and improved signage.

Complete Streets recommended some changes to the policy, it was not implemented as such, not funded, and overall coordination was lacking. Awaiting Select Board feedback. Unable to make recommendations of pavement management.

SSA is a chronic challenge, identified federal funding for studying what a new freight operation would look like, the Select Board took no action. Began dialogue with SSA regarding a study. Issued a second and more robust recommendations, including adoption grant funding identifying 21st Century operation, larger schedule, larger vessels. Inclusion of New Bedford on the task force.

The SSA noted the 5:30 am boat ends 10/18/21. The 5:30 am boat was created with a night boat and put it on first thing in the morning. More effective scheduling could eliminate the 5:30 boat and still get the goods/necessities to the islands. Ask the Select Board to meet with MA representatives on that amendment and quiet hours in residential areas be explored.

Develop an MOU with the SSA defining key terms in the Enabling Act. Could be based on the MOU between SSA and Barnstable.

They would like feedback from the Select Board, allow reports to be published on the committee webpage, but have been told that until the Select Board accepts the Committee reports, they cannot be published. They requested clerical support for the committee.

Ms. Scott Price requested Mr. Suso send her the reports. Mr. Suso explained the standard procedure is they are presented to the Select Board, once presented, they are made publicly available. Mr. DeWitt stated none of their reports have been posted.

6/7/21 Chair Brown would like to take up the traffic portion of the report, possibly discuss this report and the SSA report on 6/21/21.

Mr. Trumble recommending eliminating commercial vehicles, has there been more elaboration? Mr. Hewitt said that they believe it needs more work and makes sense to do so on a town wide basis.

5. Falmouth Litter Reduction Team – Presentation on proposed litter reduction bylaw
Alan Robinson reviewed activities by the team and volunteers, last fall litter cleanup, initiated MADOT adopt a highway for the four lane portion of Route 28. Little Pond landing was cleaned. Now working with VIPS and high school students throughout the Town. The Town and volunteers are putting a lot of efforts into cleaning up litter, to reach the goal for litter free Falmouth and as part of that we have a Town bylaw that states the requirements of what it takes to be litter free. They have begun an initiative to go to Town Meeting, it complements the other activities. Made a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed some potential litter reduction bylaw elements including definition of litter, prohibition of litter, responsibilities to maintain areas, requirements for vehicle cargo securement, and means of/responsibilities for enforcement. Reading MA model of the litter bylaw, approved by the AGO. They will work with the community and Town staff to draft a bylaw that meets the needs and requirements of the Town. The team will be reaching out, including to the Health Dept, DPW, guidance from Town Counsel, he will be the individual petitioner.

Ms. English Braga is on the VIPS Board, they spoke highly of Mr. Robinson and that he gets things done.

6. Update on planned uses for 67 and 81 Davisville Road
Mr. Johnson-Staub explained looking at a couple of shared uses for these, all peoples play space, community garden, and would like to have affordable housing pursued here as well. An initial concept plan was put together, but heard from folks on the Housing Development side, the use of the frontage by the house and play space may make the housing not feasible or more expensive, less viable, and less attractive. They had a team of staff members look at it but felt needed more assistance. Through the MA Housing Partnership, they were able to secure free technical assistance to help with this process beginning this summer on a site eval, look at local and state regs, concept and site design all based on Select Board, request for proposals to construct the housing. Asking for Select Board assent to move forward with this process, the planning process for the All People's Playground has been delayed. He believes they can come up with the plan for affordable housing and play space, need technical assistance and time. If they move forward with the plan as prepared, the best opportunity for affordable housing may be thwarted.

Dr. Taylor requested look back to see if agreement with Town and School Department.

Ms. English Braga noted once the MPH folks in place, include Affordable Housing Committee and other stakeholders and developers as well as the Emerald House. The location is next to a school, Trotting Park is not as accessible. It is frustrating to wait if these things could coexist that could be a good thing.

Kathleen Haynes said the vote on Town Meeting was for recreation highlighted and listed purposes below it. She is not willing to wait a year, she already suggested moving the playground to the Augusta site. Even six months is too long to wait. In the last few months, she found out from Mr. Johnson-Staub what was happening.

Mr. Johnson-Staub said they could look at the site plan, but Augusta property has similar conflicts because it was top priority for wastewater affluent recharge which would require most of the property. Looking at a multiyear planning process before the Town can say yes move forward without compromising the next 60 million wastewater plan.

Ms. English Braga suggested looking at the area at Goodwill Park, have DPW provide the dimensions. Chair Brown asked about a site plan for the DPW next door to that area.

7. Discussion and vote on Board recommendations for June 28, 2021, Special Town Meeting warrant articles
Julian Suso noted the Select Board voted recommendations for the April Town Meeting, those need to be voted separately for the Special Town Meeting.

The Select Board agreed to keep the recommendations as listed in the Select Board packet.

Ms. English Braga motion to affirm prior vote of articles to be placed on the June warrant. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

8. Review and Vote to Approve Minutes of Meetings:
Public Session
March 8, 2021
Nancy Taylor typo p. 6 under 7 Golf Advisory Committee “just financed committee member”
Mr. Patterson motion approval and release for public access. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye. Abstain: Ms. Scott Price.

April 12, 2021

Mr. Patterson motion approval and release for public access. Second Dr. Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye. Abstain: Ms. Scott Price.

9. Individual Select Board Members’ Reports-none.

10. Town Manager’s Report

Mr. Suso noted Town Hall and administrative office closed for Memorial Day; next Select Board meeting will be on 6/7/21.

Mr. Patterson motion to adjourn at 11:12 pm. Second Ms. English Braga. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Patterson, aye; Dr. Taylor, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Ms. English Braga, aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves
Recording Secretary