<u>TOWN OF FALMOUTH</u>
<u>SELECT BOARD</u>
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

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 August 9, 2021 public meeting of the Falmouth Select Board shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. *The meeting will be televised via Falmouth Community Television.*

2. *Real-time public comment can be addressed to the Select Board utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments will be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting.*

    a. *Zoom Login instructions:*
        i. *Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: http://www.falmouthma.gov/BOS.*
        ii. *Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.*

3. *Additionally public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to selectboard@falmouthma.gov at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.*

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, Co-Chair; Megan English Braga; Sam Patterson; Onjalé Scott Price.

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

1. Call to Order by Chair Brown at 7 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition
   Chair Brown noted the passing of Liam Maguire, he and his wife have brought a real piece of Ireland to Falmouth, wish the family the best at this difficult time.

4. Announcements
   Scott Price announced the Woods Hole Partnership Education Program Interns are in Woods Hole for a week, 930-2pm and link is in the chat section if people want to see what the symposium in the Redfield Auditorium is all about.

5. Public Comment

   Sharon Bunstra, 65 Peterson Road, requested the Select Board consider implementing an indoor mask mandate. She spoke with Windfall Market Manager, most customers have started wearing masks again, she asked him to require the employees to wear masks, he said it is too hard to mandate that without a town or state requirement. She would like Falmouth to follow CDC guidelines and mandate indoor mask policy.

Alan Robinson, resident, Town Meeting approved bylaw banning commercial sales of water bottles smaller than 1 gallon goes into effect on 9/1/21. There is little awareness of the upcoming ban, no messaging he is aware of to the general community. His concern that come 9/1/21 there will be surprised shoppers. He urged the Select Board to take an effort via various means to get the word out before 9/1/21. DPW and Solid Waste Advisory Committee have drafted a poster and will display it at Saturday's Falmouth Walk. He read the poster, which educates the ban effective on 9/1/21.

Karen Bissonnette, commented about AARPA funds, there was no discussion about community housing when this was discussed. Median priced house before covid was $439,000, May 2021 $731,000. Housing Roundtable with the Governor talked about AARPA, and the funds were a great opportunity for affordable housing, there needs to be flexibility with local government and local politics and process will be a problem. The funds Towns have present an unusual opportunity because Towns have some choice of spending the funding. He would like to see 20% of funds used for housing, and Karen is asking the Town to commit 20% of our AARPA funds to affordable housing. Wastewater issues are not because of the pandemic, but housing is. The Governor said if we do not do more than what we have done, we will never get to where we need to get to if we want to make it a place where people with moderate means can make a life. She hopes the Select Board will discuss this at another meeting and include the Affordable Housing Committee.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Administrative Orders
    a. Approve Eversource petition to install one (1), 3" conduit and one (1) Handhole #56/H4A on Cataumet Street. This work is to be done to provide electric service for customer at 31 Cataumet Street.
    This is recommended by Town staff.

    Patterson motion approval. Second English Braga. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

    b. Vote to award lease of 300 Dillingham Ave. to Joe Q Veterans Coffee Break, Inc.
    Peter Johnson-Staub noted 1 proposal in response to the solicitation, recommending award of a lease.

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

    Chair Brown noted a $4,000 rent. Johnson-Staub issued request for proposals asked for a price proposal, the proposal submitted by Joe Q was $4,000 per year. There were five criteria that were looked at, one was price, presumably they chose to get the highest rating they could get by submitting a $4,000 price proposal. Under terms of the lease, the Town is responsible for any major repairs to utilities, there will be ongoing costs to the Town.

    English Braga noted only one proposal was received and even though not required, it is an older building, will require upkeep so it will defray some of the costs the Town will put forth to maintain the building,

    The Select Board felt the rent was reasonable.

    c. Approve request to refinance affordable home mortgage, 150 Cloverfield Way, East Falmouth
    English Braga motion approval. Second Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

    d. Vote to accept donation from Robert and Susan Catalano on behalf of David's Old Silver Swim, Inc. in the amount of $500.00 to the Beach Department Donation Account for the "Dare to be Great" award to a lifeguard
    Patterson motion approval. Second Taylor. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

    e. Vote to accept donation from New England Endurance Events in the amount of $1,900.00 to the Beach Department Donation Account

Taylor motion approval. Second Patterson. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

f. Vote to approve Conservation Department application for Mass Wildlife Habitat Management Grant for continued invasive plant management and prescribed burn in the Coonamessett fields area
Patterson motion approval. Second English Braga. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

g. Authorize letter of support for proposed expansion of existing Bourne landfill
The Town has a contract with them.

English Braga regularly hears curbside pickup is one of the services in Falmouth that is really valued and possible because just delivering to a landfill that is close enough that the waste management company can do that at a price the Town can afford. The idea it can extend its life to 2040 is significant. The options after that are few and include more transportation at a higher price. In other communities, it is an inequitable system with pay as you throw. She wants to support Bourne in their efforts.

English Braga motion approval. Second Taylor. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

h. Vote to accept donation $3,750 from the Falmouth Road Race to the Beach Department /donation Account
Taylor motion approval. Second Patterson. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

i. Vote to expend $3,750 from the beach department donation account to fund the Beach Department annual staff awards banquet, August 17
Taylor motion approval. Second English Braga. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

2. Special Events

New – Recommended:

a. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Hazelton/Bird – Menauhant Beach, Saturday, 8/21/21
Bruce Mogardo, Beach Department Superintendent, reminded not to be near the bridge on Menauhant Beach.

b. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Ciortescu – Old Silver Beach – Saturday, 8/28/21

c. Beach Wedding Ceremony – Girouard – Old Silver Beach – Sunday, 10/10/21

English Braga motion approval. Second Taylor. Vote: Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

7:30 p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Vote to Adopt Stormwater Management Rules and Regulations **(15 minutes)**

Chair Brown noted the hearing notice announced public hearing in person. Discussion tonight and will wait on voting in case there is anyone who hoped to attend the meeting at Town Hall.

Jim McLoughlin, Town Engineer, and Nate Cristofori, CEI Consulting Firm, were present and explained they are seeking adoption of storm regulations required by the MS4 permit, MA DEP, and the EPA. The plan tonight is to go through the power point presentation, and they will answer any questions. This is a requirement for the Town's MS4 permitting and long overdue.

Cristofori, CEI, working with the Town meeting these requirements, in year 4 of this multi-year permit. Engineering and the DPW bearing the brunt of the permitting requirements, more focused on implementation of things in the field. The regulatory updates that the Town needs to do is what he will review tonight. He made a presentation via PowerPoint. MS4 is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, regulates pollutant discharges into water bodes via the Town's drainage system. Phase 1 regulated communities over 100,000 people in 1990. Phase II regulated communities with more than 1,000 people in 1999. This is an unfunded mandate, comes down from the EPA, communities bear the burden of funding. Six control measures include public education, good housekeeping, illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site requirements, post construction requirements. He reviewed the 3 regulatory mechanisms: 1. illicit discharge detection and elimination-only storm water in the storm water drainage system. 2. Require erosion and sediment controls during construction. 3. Post construction, how is storm water being handled. #1 applies everywhere; 2 and 3 only apply on a project that disturbs an acre or more. The regulations were supposed to be in place last year, they are expecting them in place now. Everything will run through the DPW.

Patterson asked about the enforcement of these regulations? After review of the application, the DPW notifies the Building Inspector it's in compliance. But for noncompliance, the initial enforcement is with DPW, ultimately it goes to the Select Board regarding fines. MA state law caps the fine at $300. Existing basins and outflows that go directly to bodies of water, how is that addressed. Cristofori said that they will be allowed.

Scott Price asked about sharing the load managing the program. The DPW is stretched thin, what are the options for managing the flow to assist the DPW. Cristofori thought all could be funneled into one point person. McLoughlin noted there is regulation for 53G reviews for complicated projects, for the most part DPW is doing most of the view already for Planning and ZBA. Street opening and driveway permitting, implementing the same erosion control requirements onto the permits they are already issuing.

Johnson-Staub asked if it is common for the Select Board to be the enforcement authority after the initial enforcement by the DPW. Cristofori has left it up to communities on how they set it up; some go through conservation, others through Planning Board.

Tom Duncan: in regard to the nitrogen and phosphorus removal, what criteria determine maximum extent practicable. Cristofori said that is copied from the permit itself. The EPA has left it up to the judgment of the reviewing entity. Already have a hard target regarding phosphorus, nitrogen removal is pulled out as well. As long as the Town is being reasonable about what is proposed, EPA should be ok with that.

Chair Brown asked if p. 14, 3.0 exemptions #4 would include a repaving project. Cristofori said it is not changing the infiltrative capacity. Under permit, you have to do what is reasonable, which is a judgment call.

Chair Brown asked about consultant to advise DPW on all aspects; he has a concern with that, the Select Board has received a lot of feedback that the peer review is expensive and cumbersome. Cristofori said it is left in there in case there is a huge project, and you want an outside consultant review.

McLoughlin said peer review, if more complicated will have it reviewed. Based on his experience working in other communities, it is the norm that is what is expected even for smaller projects. In our case, he does not see doing this for the smaller projects, it is the larger Towns. Framingham has 9-10 professional engineers on staff and routinely use peer review. Chair Brown feels it is a reduction in service from what we have been doing.

Suso clarified that this hearing will remain open and will be closed at the next meeting.

Patterson motion to continue to the next scheduled Select Board meeting. Second English Braga. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion/update on COVID-19 issues
   Scott McGann, Health Agent, 21 confirmed positive cases and 9 probables since 8/1/21. Increase over the last 3 weeks in cases. The county was in the high category, fell to substantial this afternoon. Hospitalizations there was 1 in Hospital, 1 in ICU. Seeing multiples in households. 85% of all eligible residents have now been vaccinated.

Patterson asked what is the most likely way they contacted someone that had it? McGann said probably indoor close contact.

McGann is meeting with the superintendent and planning for school opening, ran a clinic this week. Symptoms of Covid-19 include loss of taste/smell, stuffy nose, cough, fever, chills. If you experience these symptoms, he recommends being tested.

Brown talked with Patterson about the mask mandate, and Suso said it probably is not really needed at this time.

English Braga asked McGann about testing. McGann said it can be difficult to get the rapid testing, which takes more labor.

Scott Price understands this meeting was moved to virtual, are we sending mixed signals to the community by having a mask advisory and not a mask mandate.

Bunstra appreciates the thoughtfulness of the discussion. Even though our vaccination rate is great here, we do not know the summer visitor vaccination rate. Transmitting from vaccinated people in households with those under 12 who cannot be vaccinated at this time. Protecting the front line workers. She looks to the government to keep her safe, she does not want to get sick or pass it on unknowingly to someone under age 12 who cannot get vaccinated.

McGann gets emails encouraging a mask mandate.

The Select Board discussed McGann making the decision re: mask mandate, and the Select Board would support him.

McGann can do anything that involves the public health with a retroactive vote by the Board of Health. Without guidance from the State, he is only using the federal mandates.

Suso noted they are working closely with McGann for 18 months, his decisions are fact driven.

English Braga would like to carry the message and concern that we are not hearing a lot from the State, and it is concerning, the CDC is looking across the entire country and was helpful to have some of those phone calls with the State. Complete evaporation of some of that strategy and data and is concerning.

Chair Brown said numbers are way down across most of the State and the Cape is in the red now.

McGann said they talked about contact tracing, lead epidemiologist will do contact tracing forever, they will continue the CTC to December so Towns can bolster their staffing levels for contact tracing. The State is trying to figure out what to do, how to live with Covid risk as opposed to shutting down and masks. This leaves towns to make their own decisions.

2. Interview, vote and appoint committee members
    a. Affirmative Action Committee –
    Terry Alves Hunter; grew up in Town, graduated FHS, wants to change the lens of systematic racism in Falmouth. There are facts and data that support what she says, she can bring a thoughtful perspective to the table.

    Taylor asked about helping Affirmative Action Committee function effectively and cohesively. They have been challenged around some of those issues this past year. Making sure everyone is heard and feeling safe to speak.

    As director of operations for a global company, when it comes to people, and you do not understand you need to give them empathy. She went to a clinic with a black speaker and white speaker, they took black in one room, white in other so they all felt safe. Then they brought them together in a safe space. We all have implicit bias, you can listen and validate before you respond.

    English Braga motion approval to a term ending 6/30/22. Patterson second. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

Dale Kapp: She has been attending meetings for 4 years because of her interest in making sure the Town continues working on it, increase Falmouth as a welcoming community, we can keep diverse candidates. A diverse candidate can assess for themselves the tone of inclusion there is in Town. The committee will see that we improve, while people are still good hearted, it escapes people regarding being able to accept diversity. She has been asked to ensure that everyone knows she is biracial, her parents never denigrated either heritage. There is a uniqueness in not being accepted by either, diversity is very important.

Taylor asked helping to assist the committee to really be more efficient in their deliberations, how she would create a safe space to be heard.

Kapp came from corporate and dealt with corporations and government, everyone has something to offer, respect each other, and attentive listening. Suggest the committee identify some focus because she does not feel there was a focus. Suggested choosing several items annually, vote on the focus the committee will have for the year and then work on those focus items.

English Braga motion approval to a term ending 6/30/24. Second Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

b. Cape Light Compact – Matthew Patrick
Matt Patrick thinks based on his experience, his time is best used as a representative to the Cape Light Compact representing the Town.

Taylor motion appoint to a term ending 6/30/24. Second Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

c. Cultural Council – Alice Kociemba
She would like to give back to the Cultural Council. The Council has been a recipient of some grants, and wants to revitalize a vibrant arts community that has had hardship from the pandemic. The arts are good for business.

Scott Price motion appoint to a term ending 6/30/24. Second Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

d. EDIC – Kevin M. Holmes
Moved to Town in 1985, grew up here, started banking career in Falmouth. Period of time his work took him to the Boston area. 18 months ago, he had the opportunity to move to Cape Cod Five Bank, working in Falmouth, did a lot through the PPP program, worked with folks in the community and it has been rewarding. He has been anxious to give back because Falmouth shaped who he was growing up. His skillset is a good fit for this committee.

Brown noted letter of recommendation from the EDIC.

Scott Price motion approval to term ending 6/30/24. Second Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

e. Falmouth Housing Authority Tenant Board Committee –
Kathleen Haynes
Haynes was unable to participate in an interview due to poor internet connectivity.

Marianne D. Keevins-not present.

Julia Benz, present
She would like to be on the board, this is perfect opportunity for her to represent and use her professional skills she has not used in a while. Understands complex issues surrounding entities that get funding from federal, state, and local government. She is in good standing with the Housing Authority.

English Braga noted the Select Board should know the background of each tenant, whether he/she is in good standing with the Housing Authority, and if any litigation pending involving the Housing Authority.

Deborah Cotton-not present.

Marie Vautour, present
She is registered occupational therapist, on disability, and now retired; looking for a purpose. She did home care and evaluated the home situation and whether functional and safe for individuals to be there. Vautour can explain safety situations and make sure the housing is proper for the individual. She is in good standing with the Housing Authority.

Julian Suso told the Select Board that he has been asked to make appointment as soon as possible; all 6 candidates were given notice of the meeting.

Stephen MacDonald-not present.

Bobbi Richards, Falmouth Housing Authority Executive Director, said they are seeking appointment ASAP and are willing to be patient, they are able to function and have a quorum. They are excited for new person to be appointed when possible.

The Select Board discussed that there is one vacancy, would like to give applicants another opportunity to respond, make sure the Select Board hears from them. The Falmouth Housing Authority Board currently meets via Zoom.

f. Water Quality Management Committee – Jordan Mora
Fifteen years of experience in environmental monitoring and research, water management programs at Waquoit Bay. Has scientific skillset and water quality issues in this area. Looking to get involved in management after 10 years of looking at declining water quality in Waquoit Bay.

Taylor motion appoint to term ending 6/30/24. Second Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

3. Discuss/vote name change and review/discuss the mission of Transportation Management Committee
Suso sent a note to the Select Board suggesting change to Transportation Committee to avoid confusion, this committee is advisory only and has no management authority. Town Counsel said the name change would be in more character with the charter.

English Braga is less concerned about changing the name as she is with emphasizing: 1. Committees are advisory to the Select Board. 2. Concerns about the approach of this board to some of the members of the Town staff. This is about how people undertake the work and it has been seen in some of the Select Board meetings when there were presentation from this committee. There is a way to be collaborative and solution oriented, that message has not come through during presentations. Some have been combative and denigrating of the Town staff. There are ways to advance objectives by the way advocacy is approached. Braga feels the name change is just topical, the bigger issue is we are part of a community, should support each other and critique each other in a helpful way, there are folks on this committee that care a lot about the community, but the messaging has gone in a different direction.

Chair Brown attended 1 year review, he is liaison, they were critical of the inactivity of staff, also interaction process discussion-they reviewed themselves and staff. Chair Brown agreed to be more engaging and appropriate with addressing the issues, offered to have someone else take the chairmanship; the committee felt he was knowledgeable. Chair Brown will work with the committee on delivery, he feels the issues have been addressed and hopes things will improve. He will improve his interaction with them and help them with their initiatives more effectively.

Patterson thinks the name change makes sense, they are empowered to look at situation and provide advice and recommendations to the Select Board.

Scott Price agrees with Patterson, the way the other committees are titled, they do not include management other than Water Quality Management; if not to be doing management, than it makes sense to take it out of the name.

Suso said the Water Quality Management Committee is not on the agenda to discuss tonight. The one to his attention was the Transportation Management Committee.

Taylor agrees with Patterson and English Braga, changing the name changes the look of the committee. The behavior that we need to be able to expect from any one of their committees. Need to set an example and let people know when they step out of what is appropriate.

Patterson agrees with changing the name of the Water Quality Management Committee at a future meeting, make it consistent.

Ed Dewitt, Chair Transportation Management Committee
Has not reviewed this agenda item, he is expressing her personal perspective. Most material before was about the committee operating outside its mission statement. The committee takes the mission statement seriously, Ralph Herbst brought it up a couple times. Never seen its role as a cheerleader for the Town, they need to make recommendations that make it easier to live, work , and play. Praised complete streets, found deficiencies. They are to review all aspects of transportation, they have done so. First report to the Select Board for consideration was re: SSA operation, cited as an example of being outside their mission statement. The SSA impacts on the Town transportation system, an example is stopped school busses passed by trucks heading for SSA. The committee identified problems with access to the downtown business district, provided detailed report with conclusion that there was enough pavement, better management was the best option. St. Barnabas reached out to the Town to offer employee parking, they recommended this be investigated. Complete Streets is visionary and game changing. Policy change central to the transportation plan, committee analyzed all aspects of transportation policy. They identified flaws, made recommendations to improve the policy. There was misunderstanding of what complete streets was by citizens and staff. Look for better ways to fund complete streets. Modern pavement management can lead to good conditions and money savings. He wants to make it clear that they take operating within the mission statement very serious and all they have done fall within that mission statement. Was it respectful to place this item on the agenda without the courtesy of letting the committee know and inviting the committee? They have self-evaluated themselves and made changes, they are trying to make Falmouth a better place to work, recreate, and enjoy. There is only 1 person that he is aware of that has had issues with their approach and requests for information.

Suso can comment on mission statement matter if the board is going to pass on the name change.

Suso had several interactions with Chair Dewitt regarding the mission statement, he indicated the committee self-determined they are within the mission statement. Committee self-determined to undertake a financial analysis review; there are people that are highly qualified and do that as routine. Committee directed a revised pavement management process and made demands of the DPW Director. Committee conducted evaluation of Complete Streets; he does not know if this was anticipated by the Select Board when adopted the mission statement. Committee determined to issue multiple reports and ask several times each year to present them to the Select Board. There is a single yearly report to the Select Board. These are examples of the variation of your intent with the mission statement.

English Braga said this is a resurrected committee, retooled the mission statement, members are passionate and looking at these issues comprehensively. Part of this is the role of the Select Board to say this will not be on our agenda for report monthly, maybe annual does not work well. The Select Board may need to pushback that they will not hear the report now, the committees do not direct Town staff, that is why they have a liaison on the Select Board that they should go through. Chair goes to the liaison with questions and information they are looking at. Clarity of how communication goes, the Select Board does not direct the Town staff-the Town Manager directs the staff. The Select Board is not authorized to do so and that is how committees should also work. She is more concerned about clarifying that. Maybe the Select Board can hear a report biannually or quarterly from the committee. Interactions with staff concern her the most.

Patterson feels dealing with effective communication, the committee can send the information, if he thinks a priority needs to be established, he will advocate for a meeting that deals with a particular issue. There are effective ways to communicate with the Select Board.

Chair Brown said mission statement is broad, not concerned they are looking at the other issues. Pavement management was unexpected by staff, but he does not feel there is any harm in them looking at it and bringing it to the Select Board as an initiative. SSA, how do you look at transportation in Falmouth and not look at the SSA. Complete Streets is transportation, not expected that they go so deep into it, but it fits. He would like to look at bringing train service back to N. Falmouth. Patterson seconded Chair Brown's comments.

Scott Price reiterated Suso's memo re: disrespectful and uncivil interactions with the committee; if we are going to work together need to be respectful of each other and these concerns need to be addressed in a constructive way. We do not want any community members feeling like they are disrespected. English Braga agreed, that is the piece she is primarily concerned about with this subject. Staff should never be in the position that they are feeling disrespected and pressured.

Patterson motion to change name to Transportation Committee. Second Scott Price. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

Patterson does not have a problem with the mission statement.

Chair Brown does not want to change the mission statement, up to the Select Board when brought to them if it's something they want to pursue. He has asked that the committee send it to him, and he will forward it on.

English Braga concurs, Dewitt said they ask for information and are willing to be patient. If the Chair is going to reach out to the department head, then copy the liaison so that the department head is able to follow their protocol and tasks.

Taylor is not sure it is appropriate for committee chairs or the Select Board members to reach out to department heads. Best to go to the Town Manager. That has come up a couple times and does not feel right.

Patterson said they should hold the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager responsible for how the Town operates and hold them accountable for that.

Suso thanked the Select Board for their responsiveness.

4. Discuss/vote to designate Select Board member to serve on the Community Fiber Working Group
Patterson is happy to serve in that capacity, he has extensive technical background in communication, digital communication, part of the EDIC effort to look at competitive broadband option for citizens of the Town. They will need to interface with the Town itself and the process needs to be defined.

English Braga motion to appoint Patterson. Second Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

5. Discuss draft Select Board agenda for August 26 public meeting on proposed Joint Base Cape Cod machine gun range
Many Town residents would like to present at the meeting and is this the appropriate venue.

English Braga suggested the way they have it at Town meeting, offering the other side/view in presentation format. Her understanding is that will they allow a more formalized presentation; she is in favor of being some way for there to be an ability to present data or slides, she thinks that is what is really being asked.

Patterson would like delineation/decision tree on whether that facility goes on JBCC; is it state or federal decision-where does the authority lie that has that ability to make the decision.

Suso said the Governor will likely decide, he will clarify that. They can invite the Governor's representative to be at the meeting. Legislature representatives have been invited, but no response has been received yet.

The Select Board would like the decision makers to be present.

Price thought the point of this was a lot of people in opposition, but never heard from the JBCC and she thinks that even if legislative representatives cannot be there, still wanted to have that so they have all the information so that the Select Board can determine whether they are for or against it and put out their opinion. Have opportunity for people to present the information they have gathered, because the Select Board got it piecemeal. Limiting comments to 3 minutes may not be sufficient for the public.

Taylor received feedback from community, they want it to be balanced. If JBCC is allowed to do a presentation, then another group that wants to present their side. It is not fair to let JBCC do their presentation and then just ask questions from the public. That is not balanced. Need to be tight and fair on time.

30 minutes to JBCC, 30 minutes to organized group of folks; one group is consortium of other smaller groups.

Suso asked if they are changing agenda to 30 minutes for JBCC, 30 minutes for another group, then audience questions and answers.

Patterson would like them to submit presentation materials.

Johnson-Staub said to be succinct, maybe 20 minutes is ample for each side.

English Braga said the JBCC she has seen is about 1.5 hours and let them know tomorrow that they will have about 30 minutes, leaving bulk of time to questions from the community.

Suso confirmed that he will invite the JBCC and Rosemary Carey to make a presentation for about 20-30 minutes each, followed by audience question and answer.

6. Review of Select Board liaison assignments

   Scott Price noted Suso, and the Fire Department Chief are present at the community committee meeting, is it redundant for a Select Board member to be on the committee.

   Patterson noted they always include a Select Board member, sometimes citizens have a different view than staff.

   English Braga does not feel they need to assign someone, if a Select Board member wants to go, they can go. If concerns raised, staff would let them know and it can be addressed.

7. Review and Vote to Approve Minutes of Meetings
   a. Public Session – May 24, 2021: none in packet.

   b. Executive Session – July 12, 2021
   Patterson motion approval and release contingent on Town Counsel concurrence for public access. Second Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

8. Individual Select Board Members' Reports
   Scott Price:
   Last year she and some former students wrote and received a grant for a project collaboration with Falmouth Public Schools. Each of the five researchers were partnered with a teacher at FPS, projects ranged from website teachers could gather information, interactive diver went down and took video, and each student identified the fish in the video. There was good feedback from FPS teachers. Continuing to find more money to continue the collaboration for next year.

   Brown:
   Woods Hole Science School talk to kids about coastal resiliency, some people want to preserve it, and some want to let nature take its course.
   Requested agenda items: line item for Complete Streets. Julian Suso noted the way it is approached is on a project basis/specific tied to a major project. They are working on the Katharine Lee Bates part of Shiverick's Pond, that roadway was reconstructed with Complete Streets in mind.

   Beach Committee has been discussing wage increases, wages are reviewed each year, they will recommend their view on it. A lot of trash piling up at the beaches.

   Bikeways Committee noted that it is important to advocate for 10-foott width of bikeway through the SSA parking lot.

Assembly of Delegates: $170,000 supplemental budget request to fund the police academy. Staff realized they needed to be more prepared, so will talk about it at the next meeting.

Zoom meetings are not expected for the future, he thought he was overdoing it with Zoom tonight. Made it difficult for applicants to participate for their interview. Patterson does not believe it will hurt anything in the long run, with Delta being as contagious as it is he was satisfied with the Zoom platform. English Braga agrees. Scott Price has no preference. Taylor has no preference, she leans to being over cautious, so she was happy this was a Zoom. Chair Brown is indifferent and would defer to Patterson and English Braga to remain with Zoom.

Suso noted that at meeting on 8/26/21, if not in person, need to change approach very quickly. The Select Board noted it is a much larger venue, have an HVAC system that is appropriate. Suso noted a lot of upgrades at Town Hall with supplemental air cleaners, will respect any direction the Select Board wants to go on that. The Select Board supports wearing masks, last in person meeting Suso said people were required to wear masks in the room, the Select Board has consistently taken that position under the mask advisory.

Patterson:
Requested agenda items: Opioid Settlement and Three articles the Affordable Housing Group put together.

9. Town Manager’s Report
Municipal leased parking area off Katharine Lee Bates Road has been opened with 30 spaces, wayfinding signs installed by DPW, cars have been parked there daily.

DPW under construction for Shiverick’s Pond walkway that will connect Mullen Hall School with Lawrence School, target completion prior to school beginning.

The next regular meeting of the Select Board will be 8/30/21.

English Braga motion to adjourn at approximately 10:10pm. Second Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Chair Brown, aye; Patterson, aye; Taylor, aye; English Braga, aye; Scott Price, aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

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