TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SELECT BOARD

Open Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

LAWRENCE SCHOOL
113 LAKEVIEW AVENUE
FALMOUTH, MA 02540

ROOM 105

The Select Board may discuss and vote appropriate action on any item listed on this Agenda unless a different disposition is noted. At the discretion of the Chair, agenda items may be taken out of order.

Select Board:
Present: Nancy Robbins Taylor, Chair; Edwin P. (Scott) Zylinski II, Vice-Chair; Douglas C. Brown; Heather M. H. Goldstone (electronically)
Absent: Robert P. Mascali
Others present: Mike Renshaw, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager; Maura O'Keefe, Town Counsel

6:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION
Call to Order: By Chair Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Select Board

BUSINESS
Chair Taylor announced that one Select Board member was present electronically (Ms. Goldstone) and another was absent (Mr. Mascali). She said she would take up Business Item #2 first.

Vote to place on the May 20, 2025 election ballot a proposition 2 ½ debt exemption ballot question for the engineering, design and construction of the Great Pond Phase 1 Sewer Project and to include the sewer lines, the pump stations, the force main to convey the wastewater to the Town's main wastewater treatment facility, and the rehabilitation of the Town's existing northernmost open sand beds for discharge of treated wastewater.
Mr. Renshaw orally reviewed the item for the Board. He summarized the purpose of the project, saying it was to restore the health of Great Pond according to the water quality management plan. He also reviewed the funding plan for the project, including the finance committee recommendation and conditions. He said a 2/3 vote was required to place the exemption on the ballot and recommended approval of the recommended motion as printed.

Motion by Ms. Goldstone: To approve the recommended motion Second: Mr. Zylinski (to approve Ms. Goldstone's motion as printed)

Roll Call Vote:
Ms. Goldstone: Aye
Mr. Zylinski: Aye
Mr. Brown: Aye
Ms. Taylor: Aye

Reconsider a vote to send the petition to stop Holtec from evaporating nuclear waste to the Town Clerk to be placed on the May 20, 2025, Annual Town Election Ballot
Mr. Renshaw orally reviewed the history of the item for the Board. He then asked Town Counsel to continue the review. Chair Taylor also said that after the 3/10/25 Select Board meeting, Mr. Mascali had submitted an alternative suggestion, which would be part of the review.

Town Counsel explained that ballot language needs to be precise. She said she consulted with colleagues and the state director of elections, who said that a petitioner's article's language must be accepted as is and voted on by the Board. If the Board wishes to amend the language, it must first reject the petitioner's language. She said the edits suggested by the Board were close to the petitioners' language. Her recommendation was to vote on the petitioners' language, yes or no. Chair Taylor reiterated that it was Town Counsel's advice that the Board move the article as presented at the March 10 meeting by the petitioners. Mr. Brown asked if Town Counsel had found any "fatal flaws" in the language presented in the petitioners' article. Town Counsel said no.

Motion by Mr. Brown: To put this on the ballot as presented by the petitioners on March 10
Second: Mr. Zylinski

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Brown: Aye
Ms. Goldstone : Aye
Mr. Zylinski: Aye
Ms. Taylor: Aye

Discuss/vote motions and reports to April 2025 Annual Town Meeting as needed
Mr. Renshaw said there was a misprint in the table in Article 4 which had been discussed with the town moderator. He outlined the plan for dealing with the scrivener's error during the discussion of the article. Mr. Johnson-Staub further explained the error (column headings slightly off) and how it would be dealt with during the blanket vote discussion.

Discuss, consider and vote date for November 2025 Town Meeting
Chair Taylor said that at the pre-meeting with the town moderator she proposed November 17 for November Town Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Zylinski: To move November 17 for November Town Meeting
Second: Mr. Brown

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Zylinski: Aye
Mr. Brown: Aye
Ms. Goldstone : Aye
Ms. Taylor: Aye

Other business as needed
None

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrative Orders

a. Consider a request for the approval of a variance to Sign Code 184-30: Movable, portable, or mobile signs D (1) (a), for the placement of ten sandwich board-style signs to advertise the 2025 Daffodil Daze event at Spohr Gardens, April 13 through April 26, 2025

Motion by Mr. Zylinski: To move the Consent Agenda Second: Mr. Brown

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Zylinski: Aye
Mr. Brown: Aye
Ms. Taylor: Aye
Ms. Goldstone : Aye

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Zylinski: To adjourn Second: Mr. Brown

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Zylinski: Aye
Mr. Brown: Aye
Ms. Taylor: Aye
Ms. Goldstone : Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Sutherland, Recording Secretary