TOWN OF FALMOUTH SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025, 6:30 PM
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

Minutes

Select Board:

Present: Robert P. Mascali, Chair; Heather M. H. Goldstone, Vice-Chair; Douglas C. Brown; Jack Richardson; Colin Reed

Absent: None

Others present: Mike Renshaw, Town Manager; Maura O'Keefe, Town Counsel

OPEN SESSION - 6:30 PM
Call to Order: By Chair Robert Mascali

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Select Board

Recognition:
- Mr. Brown recognized the Holy Ghost Feast on the 125th anniversary of that organization.
- Dr. Goldstone recognized the organizers of the Falmouth Celebrates Pride event for a wonderful celebration.

Announcements:
- Chair Mascali announced the start of the Cape Cod Baseball League this past Saturday. He also announced the state has awarded Falmouth a $416,000 grant for the urine diversion program.
- Mr. Brown announced a volunteer build day on Saturday for the Carousel of Light.
- Dr. Goldstone announced a celebration of the anniversary of independence of Cape Verde on Wednesday, and on Thursday, a celebration of Juneteenth.

Public Comment:
Jim Gray, West Falmouth – said he would focus on two issues, community and compromise – said he was concerned about the impact to Swift Park from the pickleball community – said the recreation department has done a good job balancing the needs of the varying constituents – related to dogs on beaches, said he felt the beach committee has a narrow vision of their charter – said the perception of not having dogs on beaches is not supportive of the community or tourism – said family activity on beaches includes dogs – said dog walkers are self-supervising and conscientious – said beaches are social spaces and should be available to all members of the community – encouraged town government to support allowing dogs to continue to frolic on the beach in the off-season.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS
Interview and consider a vote to appoint committee members to regulatory boards:

Board of Health
George Heufelder – not present
George P. Topulos – Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 2.a.1.* in the Select Board Packet, saying Dr. Topulos was interested in serving reappointment for the term ending on June 30, 2028. He recommended reappointment. Dr. Topulos commended the board members he has served with. He also said the town must come up with roughly a billion dollars over the next 10-20 years to pay for sewers and outflow pipe, and

alternative septic systems. He said the town needs informed discussion regarding how to fairly distribute the costs, and went on to provide additional details of this discussion. He said the longer it is put off, the harder it will get.

Dr. Goldstone thanked Dr. Topulos for his service and for his advocacy on the matters of cost and necessity of wastewater solutions in Falmouth.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To reappoint George P. Topulos to the board of health
Second: Mr. Brown Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

The interview of George Heufelder was tabled until June 30.

<u>Conservation Commission</u> - Ronald F. Driscoll
Mr. Driscoll commended the commission, saying that all committees in town are working toward the same purpose and that it was a privilege to serve.

Motion by Mr. Brown: To appoint Ronald F. Driscoll to the term ending June 30, 2028
Second: Dr. Goldstone Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Zoning Board of Appeals – Suzanne Murphy</u>
Ms. Murphy said she has been chair for a year and it's been really busy. She commended the board and the staff and said she would love to continue.

Mr. Richardson asked for Ms. Murphy's thoughts on density across town. Ms. Murphy acknowledged that there are pockets around town, and that it would not be easy, but the board would go by its rules and regs and go by the bylaws. In answer to a question from Mr. Brown, she said the workload is challenging, but she enjoys it. She used Sandwich Rd. as an example of a lot of work but a successful outcome.

Motion by Mr. Brown: To appoint Suzanne Murphy to the zoning board of appeals beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030 Second: Dr. Goldstone
Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain: 1 (Mr. Richardson)

<u>Interview and consider a vote to appoint committee members to non-regulatory boards:</u>

<u>Human Services Committee</u> - Amy Loewenberg
Ms. Loewenberg, a retired New York City social worker, summarized her 40-year work experience, including an administrative capacity. She said she moved to Falmouth 5 years ago and is interested in developing community. She said she is interested in services available for aging adults.

Mr. Reed agreed that Mr. Loewenberg's interests and skill sets are important to the town and that they are lucky to have her apply for the position.

Motion by Mr. Reed: To appoint Amy Loewenberg to the human services committee for a three-year term until June 30, 2028 Second: Mr. Richardson Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Recreation Committee</u> - Thomas D. Manchester
Mr. Manchester summarized some biographical information for the Board, saying he would like to give back to the town. He said he is currently vice-president of field marketing at Planet Fitness and provided additional work history. Mr. Manchester also summarized his community work while living in Sandwich. He said he is the volunteer coach for the girls' soccer team at Falmouth High School.

Dr. Goldstone asked if there are particular programs Mr. Manchester would like to see in Falmouth. Mr. Manchester said nothing specific, but his philosophy is that whatever works best, he supports.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To appoint Thomas Manchester to the recreation committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2028 Second: Mr. Reed Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

Committee reappointments (uncontested seats)
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 2.c.* in the Select Board Packet. He recommended reappointment of the listed people with term ending dates as shown in the packet. He said all positions were posted and published in the agenda packet.

Motion by Mr. Reed: To approve the reappointment of the various board and committee members with the term ending dates as shown in the list published with this agenda packet Second: Mr. Richardson

Dr. Goldstone noted that many names listed are community members with extensive service to the town and thanked all for their time and work.

Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Discuss and consider the application by Falmouth Pier 37 Boathouse LLC d/b/a Pier 37 Boathouse for an Outdoor Alcoholic Beverages Table Service Area at 88 Scranton Avenue, Falmouth
Dr. Goldstone read out the hearing notice.

Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 3.a.* in the Select Board Packet. Conor McLaughlin, general manager, was present. Mr. Renshaw read out the conditions that were included in the Item Report. Chair Mascali asked Mr. McLaughlin about the security condition. Mr. McLaughlin said the security is guaranteed on Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday evenings there is a manager and host on. If a substantial crowd is expected, security is on. He pointed out there are 400 seats, not 476, to assure being within the confines of the number, even if all seats are filled. Chair Mascali said they would like security on Sundays to be included in the conditions.

Dr. Goldstone asked about the food truck in the parking lot outside the outdoor seating area. If seated people were to go back and forth and with the alcohol license and a bar out there, it would raise concerns about the perimeter. Mr. McLaughlin said the service window is inside the restaurant and is accessible for service and use only inside the restaurant.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To close the hearing Second: Mr. Reed Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

Mr. Brown said the application seems fine and they just want to carry on what they are doing. He and Chair Mascali urged restaurant owners to update their information and come before the Board for approval.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To approve the application by Falmouth Pier 37 Boathouse LLC d/b/a Pier 37 Boathouse for an Outdoor Alcoholic Beverages Table Service Area at 88 Scranton Avenue, Falmouth with the conditions recommended by the town manager's office Second: Mr. Richardson
Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

BUSINESS
Discuss and consider an appropriate response to ongoing ICE activities in Falmouth

Chair Mascali began with a short statement. He said the Board understands the concerns of the citizenry regarding ICE activities, and that many residents are fearful for themselves and others. He said he has asked Chief Lourie and Sheriff Buckley for updates. He said no questions would be taken tonight from the public, but that a future public meeting on this issue would be planned. He said silence is complicity, and the Board will discuss an appropriate response and how best to express the concerns of the community.

Chief Lourie outlined the police department's position regarding ICE activities and provided several examples of police activity. He mentioned a recent Cape chiefs meeting in Chatham. He reiterated that the goal of the department is to keep people safe. He gave an example of how the police would respond if there were a report of a violent crime by a person here illegally, saying he would want that crime to be reported so the perpetrator of the crime could be brought to justice. He advised reading the Lunn Decision and reviewed how the department proceeds in certain situations.

Mr. Brown asked if a citizen sees a masked individual abducting someone off the street, should that citizen call the. police? Chief Lorie said the police would not get involved in that unless there were some type of violence where the public is intervening. He said that is a question to ask ICE. He said his officers do not participate in ICE activities.

Mr. Richardson asked Chief Lourie if he had received any calls related to Mr. Brown's question. Chief Lourie said he had not and would research it when he returned to the station. He said again that the police deal with Falmouth issues.

Mr. Renshaw said the town has posted resource materials on the website and is trying to distribute the information as well. He noted the document entitled "Know Your Rights: ICE Enforcement" from the state AG's office.

Chief Lourie advised calling the police if something seems suspicious but reiterated that Falmouth Police does not get involved in ICE activities.

Dr. Goldstone asked if 911 dispatchers would know if ICE officers were in the area if a call came in. Chief Lourie said he would research that. Mr. Richardson referred to a situation in Plymouth where there had been no notice, which had led to a dangerous incident.

Chair Mascali thanked Chief Lourie for the wonderful job the department does in the community and said there would be a public discussion in the future.

Next, Sheriff Buckley, addressing the issue, began with these comments:

- All in law enforcement have a responsibility to enforce the law.
- None of us wants to sit back if there is a mechanism to remove dangerous criminals from our community, but that is not what we are dealing with.
- We are in a period of misinformation, disinformation, lack of transparency, and chaos regarding actions of federal agents in our community.
- We don't know what is happening.

Sheriff Buckley went on to provide an informative contrast between what is happening now and what the procedure was regarding ICE and local law enforcement prior to January, 2025. She gave specific examples of how many persons were in Barnstable County custody and how many were released. She stated that immigrants are not the source of our public safety issues in Barnstable County. She said what began as a ramped-up effort by the federal government in January of 2025 to assure that all people with a criminal record are found became something else entirely. She said local law enforcement was frequently not notified, stops were made with no probable cause, and rules were constantly changing with no notice to anyone. She said federal officials were directing law enforcement to behave in ways that are inconsistent with our laws. She asked the question, "Who is breaking the law?" She provided more data regarding numbers of arrests in MA and how many had actual criminal connections. She gave an example of disinformation that was released regarding this issue and Barnstable County. She said the situation has gotten to the point where information that used to be shared must now be requested through the Freedom of Information Act. She said all this activity undermines local law enforcement because the public doesn't know who's who and who has authority to act. She said this is a huge public safety issue across the country and gave examples how this is so. She urged the Board to restore the status quo prior to January of 2025, and to provide local guidance. She said the answer lies in Congress and that the way forward is the way it's been since 1986. She said we have a responsibility to people who have become integrated into our communities because we let them.

Mr. Brown referred to a copy of a letter from Michael Dutton, Barnstable County Administrator, to Kristi Noem protesting that BC was listed as a "sanctuary county" and asking how the designation could be corrected. Sheriff Buckley provided some background information on the issue of the county and its designation, saying there had been communication on several levels, some of it insulting. She said the erroneous press release is still posted on the dept. of homeland security website, which she said is deliberate misinformation and political rhetoric threatening public safety. She left the letter from the MA congressional delegation citing the situation in Massachusetts with Mr. Renshaw.

Mr. Richardson said that Sheriff Buckley is "one of the bravest American politicians we have today." He thanked the sheriff for protecting the community against government overreach. He asked if there were anything the Board could do to support the immigrant community. Sheriff Buckley said appointments at a local food bank is down from 160 to 100. She said not keeping quiet is key. Not accepting this as normal is key, she said. If you have neighbors, helping them out is our best path forward.

Mr. Reed echoed the need for the community to come together to gather resources and help the immigrant community.

Mr. Brown referred to a letter sent by the county administrator supporting revoking the designation of sanctuary county, and to remind them what the letter of the law is regarding notification procedures. Sheriff Buckley said it wasn't a law so much as it was a professional courtesy, the professional way the agencies have coexisted for generations. She said professionalism would dictate they notify the police department.

Chair Mascali thanked the sheriff for her attendance and her input.

Board discussion included the following points by members:
Dr. Goldstone:

- Our mission is to create a welcoming environment, and public safety and economic stability are pillars of our strategic plan.
- What is going on undermines our local law enforcement and trust.
- Residents should trust that their rights will be upheld.
- Uncertainty creates a climate of fear that runs counter to our public safety.
- We need to make clear that all law enforcement officers respond to requests for unambiguous identification and legal documentation for their actions.
- We need to get resources to those who need them, and that services are available to every resident of the town, regardless of immigration status.
- We should share our statement with other state and federal elected representatives and make the case that Falmouth is deeply affected by this situation.

At this point, Chair Mascali acknowledged Town Counsel's contributions to providing information to the Board and asked if she wished to add anything now. Atty. O'Keefe said this is a difficult, interesting time for everybody, and hopes to find creative ways to keep the community safe and healthy.

Mr. Richardson:

- We must realize that this is affecting everyone and that we are here for you.
- These are purely political games being played by a hateful, bigoted administration to cause fear. (Chair Mascali cautioned that the Board is nonpartisan and that we need to be careful regarding statements we make.)

Mr. Brown:

- We need to highlight the economic impact as well as the public safety impact because workers are afraid to come to work. (Chair Mascali agreed and said any letter should include these points.)

Mr. Reed:

- ICE's actions are skirting the legal boundaries of due process.
- ICE skirts systems of law meant to provide safety and prevent chaos.
- Immigration enforcement has become politicized, and we don't have sensible immigration laws at a high level.
- I support our writing a letter to our federal representatives across MA stating our concerns.
- I support hosting an information session to get the community to come together to support and gather sustained resources to help our immigrant population thrive and be safe.

- Whatever statement we put out there, we need to focus on resources we can provide, and to think about those individuals who need us and how our actions can truly help them.

Chair Mascali asked Mr. Renshaw to draft a letter to officials incorporating what the Board has discussed and have available on June 30.

Mr. Brown asked if the letter goes to congressional leaders, to remind them that they need to get this very difficult immigration problem fixed. Mr. Richardson asked if there are any actual things to set in place that can be talked about at the next meeting. Chair Mascali said he hoped the date of the informational meeting could be determined at the next meeting. He said he wants the forum to include the ability for the public to ask questions and get answers.

<u>Discuss and consider a vote to authorize the Town to apply for a Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program grant through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute</u>
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.b.* in the Select Board Packet.

Peter Clark enlarged on the information that Mr. Renshaw provided in his summary. He reiterated the importance of broadening internet access.

Mr. Brown asked if the requested $70,000 would be enough. Mr. Clark said we would be going for more and would be asking for $100,000.

Chair Mascali asked what would happen on Day 1. Mr. Clark said it would take a number of weeks to get up to speed. Space needs would be clarified and networking would need to happen. He said within a month or organizing, some one-on-one help would be given with training of volunteers coming later. The Cape Cod Commission, he said, is interested in this kind of service.

Dr. Goldstone asked how much of the need this service can directly address and how does it set us up to address obstacles in the future. Mr. Clark mentioned the large number of households that have demographic challenges. Mr. Isenberg, asked for his input, said he would love to see some of the initial money be used to secure more money to create a core capability going into the future.

Mr. Renshaw said the Navigator Program goes to the people where they are, which is what makes the project unique.

Motion by Mr. Reed: To authorize the Town to apply for a Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program grant through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, as presented Second: Mr. Richardson

Mr. Brown asked if the request could be for more than $70,000. Mr. Renshaw said the motion does not have to include the exact amount. He said the target is $70,000, but it could increase.

Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Discuss and consider participating in the 2025 Massachusetts Housing & Climate Innovation Center's All-Star Internship Program</u>
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.c.* in the Select Board Packet. He recommended approval.

Rob Brennan, HCIC Director, was present. He recognized and introduced the 2025 All Stars Cohort. Mr. Brennan and his assistant Adele summarized the need for the work, processes, and progress of the innovative program. Mr. Brennan also commended Sheriff Buckley for work her office has done with the program.

Chair Mascali asked if a report would result at the conclusion of the work. Mr. Brennan and Adele said yes.

Ms. Goldstone asked about the investment of staff time for the summer. Mr. Brennan said that due to grant cuts, anticipated funding had to be scaled back. He said two all-stars were prepared to work with Falmouth. He said staff time is minimal, that all the work is done independently. Each of the five all-stars has their own cataloging and their independent research work.

Motion by Mr. Richardson: To approve moving forward with participation in the 2025 Massachusetts Housing & Climate Innovation Center's All-Star Internship Program, and to direct the Town Manager's office to submit an application to MassHCIC Second: Dr. Goldstone

There was brief Board comment on how fortuitous the timing is for the start of this internship program in Town.

Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Discuss and consider a vote to approve the application by College Light Opera Company for a series of six (6) Special One-Day All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for a series of 30 dates for the 57th season of performances at Highfield Theater, 58 Highfield Drive</u>

Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.d.* in the Select Board Packet.

Mark Pearson was present. Mr. Mascali said he appreciated the efforts of the applicant to get the process on the right track. Mr. Brown said there are only 30 licenses for 45 days (56 performances) and wondered if there were a way to remedy that. Mr. Mascali said the 30 limit is set by the state. Town Counsel said the license is per person, so another applicant from CLOC could seek a license. Mr. Pearson said they are working on that once they open.

Motion by Mr. Reed: To approve the application by College Light Opera Company for a series of six (6) Special One-Day All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for 30 dates for the 57th season of performances at Highfield Theater, 58 Highfield Drive, as presented Second: Mr. Brown Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Discuss and consider a vote to approve an application by Highfield Hall and Gardens located at 56 Highfield Drive for nineteen (19) Special One-Day Wine & Malt Beverages Licenses</u>

Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.e.* in the Select Board Packet. He said the Board was caught again in the requirement of the ABCC regarding caterers. He said Highfield Hall and Gardens will have to contract, identify, and find a caterer that can provide service to these ticketed events.

Tara Burke outlined the problems for Highfield Hall and Gardens that now exist regarding these catered events. Town Counsel said this is a state statute on June 12 that ABCC has interpreted not to permit 12c caterers to service members of the public, only members of private parties.

Chair Mascali said it would be beneficial to go on record to express concern over what had to be done to meet the requirement. He said the town manager could draft a letter to express these concerns. Mr. Brown said it was a step backward in terms of service and functionality. Dr. Goldstone said that for a non-profit to have its co-directors and director of development staffing the bar is not helpful for them.

Tara Burke said that the fund raiser on the first (of August) is for full bar, not malt and wine. There was comment about how to address this change. Town Counsel said changing one event to full bar from wine and malt does not change the Board's analysis and did not think a separate application was needed. The amendment could be made in the moment.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To approve an application by Highfield Hall and Gardens located at 56 Highfield Drive for eighteen (18) Special One-Day Wine & Malt Beverages Licenses and an All-Alcohol Beverages License for the date of August 1 Second: Mr. Reed Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

Consider a request from Megansett Stable LLC for a variance to Sign Code §184-11-Non-conforming signs and §184-25-Freestanding signs to update the existing sign at 412 North Falmouth Highway for The Daily Brew, and a Grant of License for the placement of this sign on a portion of Town-owned land
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.f.* in the Select Board Packet.
He recommended approval.

Chair Mascali asked if there were ever a license before with respect to this sign that was on town-owned property. Mr. Renshaw said he would have to research that. This became an issue, he said, when the business sold.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To approve the request for a variance to Sign Code §184-11-Non-conforming signs and §184-25-Freestanding signs, and the Grant of License for the Daily Brew located at 412 North Falmouth Highway as presented Second: Mr. Brown Vote: Yes – 0 No - 0

Mr. Reed commented that in light of all the efforts the applicant put forth to comply with town regulations, he recommended making things more efficient to save time and money for successful applicants who wish to bring business to Falmouth.

Discuss and consider a vote to submit a letter in support of term limits for the Steamship Authority's board of governors
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.g.* in the Select Board Packet. The draft letter from the June 3 meeting had one change: the insertion of the phrase "best practice" in Paragraph 2.

Mr. Richardson said he would abstain because the issue involves his boss.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To approve the submittal of a letter in support of term limits for the the Steamship Authority's board of governors Second: Mr. Brown
Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain: 1 (Mr. Richardson)

Discuss and consider reaffirming Select Board opposition to the Steamship Authority's continued use of a 5:30 AM ferry service
Chair Mascali said the Board had a proposed draft at their seats which differs from the draft included in the packet. Mr. Renshaw then summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.g.* in the Select Board Packet. He said the proposed draft at their seats is shorter, but hits all the points made in the draft prepared by SMART Citizens Task Force and says the Select Board will continue its opposition to the 5:30 ferry, as well as follow up with a letter at a later date.

Chair Mascali said the letter captures all the Board wants to say at this point, and that the Board wants to go on record as opposing the 5:30 ferry, and that we do want to follow up with a more detailed letter.

Dr. Goldstone said she felt there are a couple of details in the initial draft that do contribute to demonstrating a continued pattern of disregard and an escalation of impacts that she might like to see included.
She cited specific points in the initial draft that she thought would strengthen their case:

- The promise that the service would be discontinued if problems arose
- that the size of the 5:30 freight ferry has been enlarged
- that there is video evidence of vehicles arriving prior to 5:10 a.m.

Chair Mascali asked the Board if they wished for those edits to be submitted and incorporated into the letter tomorrow. Mr. Richardson said the problem is that the hearing is on Nantucket tomorrow at 10:00.
Chair Mascali said he would prefer that the current draft be at the hearing tomorrow and work on the additions later. Mr. Brown said the edits add strength to the letter and are important points. Chair Mascali said the packet draft raises many questions and concerns, but it is important that the Board get something out to the Authority tomorrow so that if there is a decision to close the hearing, they will have it. He said he supports the current draft and would like to get that taken care of, and then work on a further letter to make those additional points and present at the next meeting.

Dr. Goldstone suggested that, if the Board agreed, she would read an amendment into the record, and if the Board agreed to it, it could be added to the letter to send tomorrow. If the Board could not agree, she would support sending the existing draft because of the importance of getting something out for tomorrow.

Dr. Goldstone read the following amendment:
Following Paragraph 2 sentence (toward the end): "Sleep deprivation is well established as a public health risk factor." New paragraph: **A Martha's Vineyard board member in 2011 stated that the 5:30 a.m. ferry experiment would be discontinued "if the Authority's operations begin to cause problems at that time of the morning." Not only has the 5:30 a.m. ferry been causing problems, the impacts have only increased as the Steamship Authority has placed at least one larger freight ferry on the 5:30 a.m. schedule. Furthermore, the Authority promised not to allow trucks to enter the Steamship Authority property before 5:10 a.m., yet video recording show trucks regularly arriving Woods Hole terminal prior to 5:10 a.m. and as early as 4:30 a.m. Through its continued use of the 5:30 a.m. freight service, the Authority is negatively impacting public health and safety**.

Mr. Renshaw said he would have this put together before 10:00 a.m. and over to Mr. Jeffrey. Mr. Mascali said he would sign it tomorrow morning.

Motion by Mr. Brown: To approve the letter as amended by Vice-Chair Goldstone Second: Mr. Reed
Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

<u>Discuss and consider the approval of a Letter of Support for the Resilient Woods Hole Stoney Beach Dune Restoration Community Flood Pathway Coastal Zone Management FY26 grant application</u>
Mr. Renshaw summarized the item for the Board referring to *Item Report 4.i.* in the Select Board Packet.

Dr. Goldstone asked if beach access is maintained with the dune construction. The answer was yes. (Further details unintelligible from meeting attendee.)

Motion by Mr. Richardson: To approve the Letter of Support for the Resilient Woods Hole Stoney Beach Dune Restoration Community Flood Pathway Coastal Zone Management FY26 grant application, as presented Second: Mr. Reed Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Licenses

1) Consider a vote to approve the application by the Woods Hole Historical Museum at 579 Wood Hole Road, Woods Hole for a Special One-Day Wine & Malt Beverages License to be held on August 21, 2025.

2) Consider approval of the 2025 ABCC Seasonal License Renewal Certification.

3) Consider a vote to approve a Grant of License to WOODSHOLE RD, LLC for the installation of the Foundations Group Recovery Centers freestanding sign "Foundations at the Miller House" on Town property at 165 Woods Hole Road, Falmouth.

b. Administrative Orders

1) Consider a vote to approve a variance to Sign Code §184-32-Off-premises signs for placement of Cub Scout Pack 41 promotional signs from Sunday, 8/24/25 to Sunday, 9/21/25.

2) Consider a vote to approve the petition by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc. for permission to install 2 new JO poles to be labeled 25/41.5 approximately 50' (feet) west of existing pole 25/42 and 25/42.5 approximately 25' (feet) west of existing pole 25/43 and to relocate existing JO pole 25/42 approximately 20' (feet) west of its existing location. These pole locations are necessary to provide electric service to #556 Main Street.

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To approve the Consent Agenda **Second: Mr. Reed**
Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

MINUTES
<u>Review and consider a vote to approve minutes of meetings</u>:
Public sessions: November 14, 2022 and August 7, 2023

Motion by Mr. Brown: To approve the two sets of minutes as drafted **Second: Mr. Reed**
Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0

TOWN MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
Mr. Renshaw reported on the following:
- Detailed update on the Shiverick's Pond Trail Project, photo provided by Town Planner Jed Cornock, completion expected soon

SELECT BOARD REPORTS
Mr. Reed reported on the following:
- Attended the very informative and interesting housing forum
- Attended the YMCA event last Saturday, calling it a great step for the Y

Mr. Brown reported on the following:
- The short-term rental committee will begin on June 26
- Attended a conference on leveraging infrastructure funds

Dr. Goldstone reported on the following:
- Attended the Falmouth High School graduation
- Attended the Pride celebration last week

Chair Mascali reported on the following:
- Attended the Falmouth High School graduation
- Attended the Pride celebration
- Attended the housing forum

Mr. Richardson reported on the following:
- Attended the YMCA board meeting
- Attended the MassDOT stakeholder forum and learned that a temporary speed light and longer term stop light and sidewalk are in the works for the entry to Upper Cape Tech on Sandwich Rd.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Chair Mascali said that he has passed along all submitted future agenda items to Mr. Renshaw.

The Board discussed available dates for the strategic planning session. September 6 was the suggested date.

Chair Mascali asked Mr. Renshaw to schedule a joint meeting with the planning board as soon as possible.

He also asked members to take a look at the list of committee liaison assignments. He said to look beyond the vacancies and look at the whole list.

Mr. Reed said kudos to the town manager and his staff for the thorough layout of agenda items and information. In terms of operational efficiency, he asked where there might exist more efficiencies, in light of the open meeting law, to allow more time for in-depth or meaningful discussions that might challenge the way we think or have always thought.

Mr. Brown said asking questions before the meeting is helpful. Emailing only the town manager with a question is allowable within the open meeting law.

Mr. Richardson asked about the November Town Meeting vote regarding licenses and if that needed special legislation. Town Counsel advised calling her office to discuss the issue since the matter is not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Renshaw said there has been discussion regarding moving the Consent Agenda to the top of the agenda as an example of efficiency and convenience. Mr. Reed wondered if more items could be added to that section of the agenda.

ADJOURN

Motion by Dr. Goldstone: To adjourn   Second: Mr. Reed   Vote; Yes – 5   No - 0

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Sutherland, Recording Secretary