

## **Freshwater Ponds Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library  
300 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Updates**

- Board of Health letter to Select Board about freshwater ponds
- Board of Health meeting with Select Board on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion about Mill Pond (East Falmouth) on January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Steve Solbo and Lynn Francis departures from the Committee
- Other

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

1. Discussion with Conservation Department staff about collaborating on freshwater pond protection. Areas of possible collaboration to be discussed include:
  - Educating property owners about the benefits of contacting the Conservation Department when considering plant removal and landscaping projects within the setback areas from ponds
  - Increasing homeowner awareness of Falmouth's Nitrogen by-law (Chapter 237) and encouraging them to reduce or eliminate the application of fertilizers or to use other more environmentally sensitive alternatives, especially within the setback areas from ponds
  - Promoting eco-friendly landscaping practices, including planting native grasses, and installing hardy vegetative buffers along pond shorelines
  - Working with nurseries/garden centers, hardware stores, etc., to promote education about state regulations governing sales of phosphorus-containing fertilizers.
2. Review and approval of sign for fertilizer retailers in Falmouth to post in their stores regarding phosphorus-containing fertilizers. Agreement on next steps.
3. Presentation by Matt Long and Liese Seamann of freshwater pond testing data and app.
4. Brainstorm a list of potential candidates to fill the two positions being vacated by Steve Solbo and Lynn Francis.
5. Review and Approve January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes
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