



Town of Falmouth Select Board
Regular Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:30 PM
Old Silver/Surf Drive Program Room
Senior Center
780 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540

AGENDA

1. OPEN SESSION - 6:30 PM

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Recognition
- d. Announcements
- e. Public Comment
- f. Consider a vote to affirm the appointment of the Fire Chief

2. CONSENT AGENDA - 6:35 PM

- a. Licenses
 - 1) Consider a vote to approve an application from Historic Highfield, Inc. located at 56 Highfield Drive, Falmouth for two, Special One-Day Wine and Malt Liquor Licenses for Falmouth Jazz Concerts on Sunday, March 1, 2026 and Sunday, May 3, 2026
- b. Administrative Orders
 - 1) Consider a vote to approve the petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc. for permission to install 1 (one) new JO pole to be labeled 108/73 approximately 135' (feet) from 108/72. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 481 Quaker Rd in North Falmouth.
 - 2) Consider a vote to approve a request from the Police Department to expend funds from the D.A.R.E. grant donations account (28-210-5210-5780) in the amount of \$3005.05 for the purpose of purchasing items to collaborate with the children of the Town of Falmouth and Falmouth Public Schools
 - 3) Consider a request from the 250th Anniversary Task Force for a variance to *Sign Code §184-7: Placement* and *§184-32: Off-Premises Signs* to hang banners containing quotes related to the American Revolution and with information on the Falmouth Historical Society's exhibition on the American Revolution on poles on Main Street
 - 4) Consider a vote to approve a request from Falmouth Commodores Baseball Club for a variance to *Sign Code §184-7: Placement* and *§184-32: Off-Premises Signs* to hang Falmouth Commodores flags on the light poles on Main Street
 - 5) Consider a vote to approve a request from St. Barnabas Church for a variance to *Sign Code §184-30C: Special Events* for the display of temporary promotional signs in excess of the number of days permitted, and in excess of 32 square feet on the property at 91 Main Street

- 6) Consider a request from Falmouth Farmers Market for a variance to *Sign Code §184-32: Off-Premises Signs* for 13 yard signs and *Sign Code §184-30C: Special Events* for a banner at Mullen-Hall School for the Falmouth Farmers' Winter Market on Sundays until March 29, 2026
- 7) Consider a request from the Falmouth Fireworks Committee for a variance to *Sign Code §184-30C: Special Events* to hang a temporary banner at the South end of Falmouth Heights ball field for the 4th of July Fireworks
- 8) Consider a request from the Coastal Resilience Specialist to apply for a grant under the FY27 Municipal Preparedness Vulnerability Program (MVP) Action Grant for Water Main Resilience
- 9) Consider a request from the Falmouth Fire Rescue Department to apply for the FY2026 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant
- 10) Consider a request from the Falmouth Fire Rescue Department to apply for the FY2026 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior S.A.F.E. grant

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:45 PM

- a. Discuss and consider a vote to approve a request from Aanjes and Hollis Hershfield of Devour Artisan Eatery for a variance to the Flow Neutral Bylaw for a proposed increase in seating of the restaurant at 352 Main Street, Unit 3 (parcel ID 38A 09 004 000A)

4. BUSINESS - 7:00 PM

- a. 7:00 PM - Update report from the Falmouth Municipal Light Board **(15 minutes)**
- b. 7:15 PM - Report - Conservation Commission **(15 minutes)**
- c. 7:30 PM - Update and annual report from the Taskforce on Workers and Families **(15 minutes)**
- d. 7:45 PM - Consider the request from Lillian Kazanis of New England Festivals for a waiver of the special event permit fee for the Harbor Light Illumination Concert Series & Artisan Market being held at Marina Park on Saturdays, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 8/8, 8/15 and 8/22/26 **(5 minutes)**
- e. 7:50 PM - Residential Tax Exemption follow-up discussion **(25 minutes)**
- f. 8:15 PM - Vote article recommendations for the April 2026 Town Meeting **(25 minutes)**
- g. 8:40 PM - Discuss and consider an appointment to the Cape Cod & Islands Water Protection Fund **(10 minutes)**
- h. 8:50 PM - Discuss MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wastewater discharge permit for the Easterly project at 375 Sandwich Road **(10 minutes)**
- i. 9:00 PM - Discuss the revisions to the Select Board FY23-FY27 Strategic Plan **(15 minutes)**

5. MINUTES - 9:15 PM

- a. Review and consider a vote to approve minutes of meetings: January 28, 2026

6. TOWN MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT - 9:20 PM

7. SELECT BOARD REPORTS - 9:25 PM

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 9:30 PM

a.

- Discuss correspondence and media inquiry policies
- LGBTQ+ Sanctuary Town
- Discuss walkability improvements
- Hear an update and discuss the Joint Base Cape Cod Master Planning Process
- Discuss current Town website functionality and potential redesign
- Discuss 10-year spending on consultant fees
- Debt forecast discussion with Finance Committee
- Discuss petitioning the State Legislature for changes to Chapter 40B law
- Discuss the need for a municipal building inventory and review of current/planned uses
- Discuss the adoption of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy
- Update on Eversource Falmouth Tap Expansion Project on Sam Turner Road
- Discuss adding a third monthly Select Board workshop meeting targeting specific topics
- Meeting with new Steamship Authority General Manager Alex Kryska

9. ADJOURN - 9:35 PM

Robert P. Mascali, Chair
Select Board

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.