

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Open Session**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540**

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Present: Megan English Braga, Chair; Doug Brown, Vice Chair; Nancy Taylor; Doug Jones; Sam Patterson.

Also Present: Julian Suso, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager; Frank Duffy, Town Counsel; Jennifer Mullen, Finance Director.

1. **Chair English Braga called the open session to order at 6:45 p.m. and motioned to convene the executive session under 1. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A s.21(a)(2): to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or contract negotiations with non-union personnel (town manager contract) because to not go into executive session could prejudice ongoing negotiations. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. It was followed by a unanimous roll call vote in Open Session to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the above-listed items, and to return to Open Session after discussion. Roll Call Vote: Chair English Braga, aye; Doug Brown, aye; Doug Jones, aye; Sam Patterson, aye; Nancy Taylor, aye.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Proclamation-none.
4. Recognition  
Mr. Brown appreciates the Town Clerk and staff in effectively managing the early and mail in voting.

Ms. Taylor recognized the Town's IT staff keeping meetings going, extremely responsive, and she appreciates their work.

Chair English Braga received a call from a resident today who had an upsetting incident take place and who called the FPD, she had found a black doll head and had racial slur on it. The caller reported that the person who took the call was compassionate and sympathetic, that response was appreciated in the moment and really made a difference. The response is to report these things, they are crimes, and dispatch will respond in a way that will help one feel supported. These are tactics folks have used for decades to intimidate others, cowardly acts.

Mr. Jones agreed how egregious and horrible that this would happen in our Town.

#### 5. Announcements

Mr. Suso announced that in June the Town applied for a Community Development Block Grant for Covid-19 funding, federally funded for municipalities to secure assistance for related activities. The Town brought forward an application for that grant, the MA Dept. of Housing and Development indicated no record of receiving the application. DHCD accepted a resubmission and he received notification from DHCD that the Town will be funded up to \$320,000. There is no final contract yet, still adjusting the size of the grant request.

Chair English Braga noted many emails about the Mayflower project have been received and read. Mr. Brown and Ms. Taylor met with Mayflower last week, outlined their concerns, and the information that would be helpful. Ms. Taylor believed they were clear about the lack of information, particularly around health and safety. Making sure information is made to the public before going forward. The Select Board is charged with getting the information and making decision that is best for Town. Mr. Jones noted the later item on the agenda has nothing to do with Mayflower.

#### 6. Public Comment

Judy Ziss provided comment regarding the Diversity and Inclusion position.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

#### 1. Licenses

- a. Application for new Common Victualler License – Train Bridge View, LLC d/b/a Sweet Rice, located at 167 Teaticket Highway, East Falmouth

Chair English Braga believes that they had counsel that advised them this process had taken place, they resubmitted paperwork and have been closed since last week.

**Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye. Absent: Mr. Patterson.**

#### 2. Administrative Orders

- a. Vote to Accept FY2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Award in the Amount of \$7,809.54  
**Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

- b. Vote to Adopt and Execute Order of Taking for William Road  
Atty. Duffy explained that this road is in N. Falmouth from the backyard of the N. Falmouth school to Quaker Rd., it is the site of the New Silver Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant, it is a Town owned road, private road. The DPW has advocated to make this a public way, the Town uses it, and the Town should maintain. The Town Meeting approved Article 23 at their last meeting, documents have been developed, including the order of taking. No betterments will be assessed because of the use of this road for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The DPW will take care of it within their current budget, they did not ask for special appropriation to take care of this.

**Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

- c. Approve Warrant for State Election on November 3, 2020  
**Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

Mr. Suso will follow up with the Town Clerk regarding the Senior Center referred to is former one on Dillingham Avenue and correction of spelling of Mr. Patterson's name.

- d. Authorize Chair to execute document in support of Retirement Board  
Mr. Suso explained that a new internet domain is being established, because it is Falmouth.gov, it requires the approval of the Select Board and this letter would so affirm if the Select Board is agreeable. This is fully paid by the Retirement Board.

**Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

## **BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/update on COVID-19 issues  
Scott McGann, Health Agent, reviewed the MA State information, there has been an increase statewide and nationally. The Cape is doing better, the State is averaging over 1,000 cases per day, testing has been robust. Community spread increasing statewide. Falmouth count is 296, since late May averaged 10 cases per week, 1200 tests per week. County wide we are doing good. Hospitalizations today is zero. He speaks with the Schools daily.

Flu clinic occurred today, about 200 and average wait was about ten minutes max. It went well.

Mr. Suso noted Halloween is this Saturday, the Town issued list of do's and don'ts to the public about things the public can do to stay safe.

2. Future Fire Station Advisory Committee – present recommendations on area locations for placement of fifth fire station

Trish Favulli, Chief Smith, and Michael Duffany present.

Mr. Duffany looked at the site, recommended an area on Sandwich Road, between Thomas Landers Road and Winslow Rd., North Falmouth area. Not identifying particular parcels at this time.

The committee met publicly prior to the pandemic, then had a couple of virtual meetings, reviewing the report of response times. Hatchville area has been underserved, response time to that area is the same as it was 30 years ago. They looked at response times from particular location. Number of parcels in a developed area are limited for a new station; uncertainty of the North/West situation and what would happen if one of those closed; it adds to the response time to West Falmouth area. Encourage the Select Board have McGrath run a scenario based on the Committee findings.

Looked at a 5 station model; one or both of the stations in North and West Falmouth would close based on this model. The Committee is looking at specific lots that are better than others in their evaluation. Sandwich Road is publicly owned. They believe the Town will need two new stations in the future to accommodate needs. They began by looking at Hatchville being the only station but believe another section of Town needs to be looked at for another station. Likelihood of closing North or West Falmouth station, which comes first is up to the Town Manager and Select Board; with the new model, that could change some of the red zones. Cost is preventative to do both stations at the same time. Need to discuss how much to spend.

Mr. Suso noted the McGrath study shows analysis of physical condition and concluded West Falmouth Station well beyond its useful life, North Falmouth Station found still usable. The analysis on three years of run data, the North Falmouth Station was found to be close to an optimal location which the consultant

found was a reasonable location to provide service. McGrath recommended a five station model. Run data has been analyzed, from July 1 to present, based on the new staffing model, confirmed response times to the West Falmouth area averaging 30 second improvement to response time and is occurring even as only about 50% of the shifts in West Falmouth staffed. Coverage from the North Falmouth Station is providing better coverage in the West Falmouth Area than was obvious going into the study.

Mr. Jones concerned about North Falmouth location, but the report assumed West Falmouth existed, if it does not then maybe push for more coverage south. Need a Hatchville station and another between North and West. He questioned if they did two stations with the same architect.

Mr. Brown believes if they only do one, they will be pushed into doing the North West combination station first and then Hatchville. Mr. Jones said that since North is usable, then may start with Hatchville. Mr. Brown asked if they build Hatchville first, how many more staff will be needed? Would that take pressure off East Falmouth, then shift a firefighter to West Falmouth? Chief Smith said they have a 14 firefighter minimum, shifting people around may help in one station, but if not four personnel in that station, three would have to go out on a call, so the station becomes not staffed. Additional personnel will help improve staffing in all the stations. He is hoping to staff the West Falmouth Station as more personnel are on duty. This will be an ongoing assessment of personnel deployed across town. Central and East are the busiest stations.

Chief Smith believes the McGrath study has a lot of information, is an extensive report, central location it pointed to looks at the northeast area of Town. With the recent personnel increase, resource deployment has helped improve the areas that have been problematic; North Falmouth is the third busiest area, so it is very important to look at this area of Town and gave a lot of scenarios. He appreciates the discussion, hoping to have more personnel, once decision is made, the coverage will be able to cover the West Falmouth Station. Until a new station is being built, West Falmouth will still be operated. Since about August, he put in for request for additional personnel, existing vacancies have been filled, six applicants have accepted the job, at least five will attend the academy in December; one has attended already and will begin. The recent spike in pandemic has led to a delay, the civil service test includes the entry level physical agility test has been conducted, they have 1900 applicants have gone through this process and civil service is hopeful to administer the written test to these applicants and establish a new list. He requested a list, hoping it will be here shortly.

Ms. Taylor noted response times have improved an average of 30 seconds. Hatchville response time is based on the East Falmouth area and depends on the distance from the station. East Falmouth station additional personnel, they can get on the road sooner and response time is improving. Who responds and where is tracked by dispatch to the locations? 4.5 stations operating has improved the response time overall by 30 seconds.

Mr. Suso said that nothing would prevent the Select Board from directing the Town Manager to attempt to acquire two parcels of land in the most appropriate location as opposed to where the Town happens to have property. This is part of the analysis. But only construct a single station at this time, which was the Town's intent and, in the plan, to do. When North Falmouth Station reaches its useful life, they would have a parcel of land in which to use for another station.

Mr. Patterson asked where do we go from here, what is the directive from the Select Board to the Town Manager, is there other information they would like to ask the committee to look at?

Mr. Brown identified town owned parcel on Sandwich Road, so that one we are all set, so he would direct the Town Manager to look to the North Falmouth area to ascertain a parcel there.

Mr. Suso noted the committee looked at several parcels on Sandwich Road, one option would be using land set aside for recreation purposes, so encourage the Select Board to have flexibility in what they ultimately consider and allow him to bring the option to the Select Board.

Ms. Favulli said 35 years ago there was a committee who made a recommendation, and we are still talking about the same thing. Several pieces have been identified on Sandwich Road, owned by the Town, and they should move to the next location; there are a couple of parcels already to consider.

Mr. Suso welcomes direction from the Select Board to allow him to look at potential parcels in these identified areas and ask the Select Board to target one of these areas for future fire station construction; he would welcome taking advantage of the momentum to replace a station beyond its useable life. Continue as the Select Board laid out since earlier this year. He would like to bring something back to the Select Board for potential action at the Spring Town Meeting.

**Mr. Brown motion to authorize the Town Manager to seek out the parcels as recommended by the committee. Second Mr. Patterson. Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

Mr. Jones would like to investigate the possibility of moving forward with both fire stations. He would like Jennifer Mullen to look at the numbers to find out if it is feasible. Mr. Patterson noted they should seek out an architect and include that in the motion. Mr. Brown would like to consult with Jennifer Mullen before making a decision. Chair English Braga noted that Mr. Brown is looking for Mr. Suso to work with Ms. Mullen to look at the finances/cost analysis. Mr. Suso will do that, the plan is for one station, would have to change the approach in the budget planning. Next major wastewater initiative has been planned as well, he suggested at minimum setting land aside and build a second station in the future. Both plans include a debt exclusion, will need another permanent override if you are going to take that next step for additional firefighters. The design and implementation of new fire stations is significantly impacted by the parcel of land they are on; it is difficult to achieve major cost savings by doing several at once.

3. Status report update/discussion on wind turbines

Mr. Suso, Jennifer Mullen, Atty Duffy, Atty Chris Morog; outside counsel assisting.

Ms. Mullen made a presentation, including recent history. Worked with Weston and Sampson on relocating the turbines outside the Town, met with Joint Base Cape Cod, there would have been a significant cost and procurement issues that they would have needed. Then gauged interest of moving the turbines, modest at the time, majority of responses varied, including hosting them outside of Town. Assembled RFQ to be bid as an energy efficient project, through several months of review by MA Energy Resources, they decided it was not a chapter MGL Ch. 25A procurement; allows one procurement, you bid it once for a design and build. As they worked through the issues, the State said the Town would not be able to do it. State approval is required under this law. Looked at the RFQ with Weston and Sampson, then brought Chris Morog on board. Mr. Suso noted a request from Town Meeting for \$2.5 million for the disposition of the wind turbines, that was approved. If they moved the turbines to another property outside of the Town, moving them would be highly expensive, another property would need to be served by Eversource and get into the grid: we would need the revenue to run the turbines. They are now ten years old, there are many procurement issues never addressed in the State.

Ms. Mullen seeking direction for the future.

Atty. Morog explained the Town owns the turbines, although they have not been used much, the turbines and connections to the grid are not current technology. W2 the Town received a principal forgiveness loan, but that one had to be operated for a considerable amount of time, it has not been and there is a significant amount due on the loan. Under his review, there are many disposal and legal issues to move these to another parcel of land and a creative plan to go forward with the MA Clean Water Trust. He suggests a discussion with the MA Clean Water Trust and come up with a solution, likely special legislation will be needed for whatever the intended outcome may be. Public structure needs to be dismantled and disposed of personal property of the Town. If someone were to move them, there is design, permitting, interface with the grid, and construction k, the value may not be worth all of that.

Atty. Duffy noted the problem faced is all MA general laws provide for putting these up, no provision in the law that accommodates moving and taking them down, other than multiple procurements that will cost significant money. It makes sense to go to procurement one time to dispose of the turbines as described by Atty. Morog.

The State did not see this as an energy efficient project under the DOER guidelines. Ms. Mullen said that this is something that has never been done before.

Mr. Jones is frustrated the state will say to pay back the \$3 million, but the agency will not help them. The DOER is not willing to let them use the 25A procurement law is unbelievable. He was not aware they were considering this and saying no, State representatives could apply some pressure. The State helped the Town get the turbines, now the State will not help them.

Chair English Braga asked if there is a mechanism to review the DOER's decision, there are so many extenuating facts that we all know, particularly in this economic environment we are in, they are hammering an economic blow to our community by requiring this? Atty. Morog is not aware of a specific mechanism, it would make sense to try to involve the MA Clean Water Trust to see what is acceptable to them. Maybe make sense to put a proposal together at this time, but he does not believe there is an appeal to their failure to agree this project falls within those parameters. Ms. Mullen said that to have DOER approve it, what the Town would tell them is that they are moving the turbines to another parcel of land outside of Falmouth to have them operating again. This is significant more money that is appropriated and risk, especially to find someone to appropriate them and considering the money involved. To dispose of them and have agreement with the trust, and use the money appropriated, it is not an energy efficient project because they will not be operated.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown thought that plan was to move them and operate them; Ms. Mullen said that it will be significant money to do this, they are old and very large. One issue found is that if they are hooked up to a grid on another parcel of land outside of Falmouth, how do we get a revenue sharing agreement; Eversource may give bill credit, but not income. To move the turbines, \$2.5 million to dismantle and store. To move them and put them back up, it would be an additional \$2-3 million; even though it only cost \$10 million to buy them. If they run someplace, even if the Town does not get the revenue, even if the Town must pay \$3 million, we are still better off.

Mr. Suso is hoping to sit down with the Clean Water Trust, given the good faith efforts by the Town, that we can come up with an acceptable resolution and become relieved of that debt. If successful in securing third party site, if difficulties arise, we could spend \$5-10 million additional and still not be able to turn the turbines on. Mr. Jones said if we move them and put them somewhere else, he does not see why they would not be convinced they do not need to pay it back. Mr. Suso noted concern is to ask for \$5-10 million beyond the \$2.5 million, the odds are still not in the Town's favor.

Mr. Suso will doublecheck, merely to move them to the Town's wastewater site would have cost several million dollars more than the \$2.5 million.

Chair English Braga said that there was discussion about some potential forgiveness around the monies owed in the past, the Clean Water Trust has a definite membership that is statutory, and the State Treasurer's Office has significant impact.

Chair English Braga said the State Treasurer and folks she works with could be very sympathetic if they put together the financial burden to this community, the commitment to green energy, and every dollar lost on these turbines is money that cannot be spent on green energy. We should put together a presentation to meet with representatives.

Mr. Brown would like more information in anyone that showed interest in the turbines? Ms. Mullen can transmit the letters to the Select Board.

Mr. Brown suggested demolishing the turbines on site if they cannot be given away.

Atty. Morog noted that there were some people who would try to broker, but it involves procurement issues for the Town. Try to come up with workable solution for the debt and burden on the Town with the Clean Water Trust and then come up with special legislation that would be needed. It is not in the Town's best interest to put out procurement to dismantle these and then have them sit somewhere. These would be two separate procurement and there's risk at every step of procurement.

Ms. Mullen noted the Trust was contacted, they wanted to see the plan, but the Town could not tell them because they had to come up with agreements for offsite relocation. The Trust said they would not make any indication of what they would do until they had that information from the Town.

Chair English Braga noted there was an offer of some relief a couple years ago, that was the modest credit. Ms. Mullen explained that was the MA Clean Energy Center forgave the money due by the Town. That is complete.

Mr. Suso, Atty. Duffy, Ms. Mullen, Atty. Morog are seeking authorization to talk with the Trust. The circumstances have changed, an incredible shift in the situation, the pandemic is part of that, all analysis done, and money appropriated by Town Meeting, he is optimistic that the Clean Water Trust will take another look at this. There are still ten years' worth of payments on Wind 1 when they took out a bond, so there are consequences that will play themselves out no matter what the Town does.

The Trust and members of the Trust have the full authority to grant relief from this loan is unknown. Ms. Braga wants to find out who has the final determination, at the end of the day the forgiveness of this loan, we have to figure out who has the final say and include that in the conversation.

Mr. Suso will review the documents; his memory is the original agreement is with the predecessor Town Manager with the Trust.

**Mr. Brown motion authorize Atty. Duffy investigate special legislation around procurement and the Town Manager contact the Clean Water Trust and any other entities involved to discuss forgiveness of the loan. Second Mr. Jones. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

Special legislation will be needed even if the Town wants to take them down.

Mr. Suso will continue updating the Select Board as this moves forward and a member of the Select Board will participate in crafting whatever the discussion may be. Mr. Jones will work with Mr. Suso on this matter.

4. Status update on drive-in movies and musical events at Cape Cod Fairgrounds and related noise complaints  
Chair English Braga reported complaints have been received regarding concerts, less about the volume of the movies, mainly about the musical performances at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Suso met on 10/20/20 with Vivid Entertainment regarding the complaints and they have increased even since he met with them. Met with Kevin Pacheco and Elena Rodgers was to ascertain cooperation regarding the noise. FPD responded 3-4 times regarding complaints. Vivid agreed to be conservative and cautious regarding volume. Concern on 10/23, 10/25, 10/30, concerts planned. As of 10/20/20 there was no plan for concerts in November but had been contacted with 1 or more groups involved with the schools regarding fundraising events and Mr. Suso asked them to contact the Town and it must comply with the permit. Holiday themed drive through in December with lighting and displays was being considered by Vivid, Mr. Suso advised that this requires some sort of permit.

The Cape Cod Fairgrounds received complaining calls and voicemails. Mr. Suso reminded Mr. Pacheco and Ms. Rogers that while the issue of the Special Permit is by the Select Board, this kind of expanding complaint situation would not reflect well on them for future events and they acknowledged it. There is one concern remaining on Friday and Saturday, nothing for November.

Mr. Jones noted the license says it is primarily acoustic, have they had a single acoustic performance?  
Chair English Braga noted 4-5 band members, she has received pictures where it is more than that number in the band and has been going late. Mr. Jones feels they have violated the license given, if they are exceeding band numbers, not doing acoustics, and not following the license, then can the event be cancelled. Crooked Coast is having final musical event Friday night. They have not exceeded the time limit on Friday and Saturday nights, complaints are around the afternoon and evening time periods.

Nancy Taylor noted they accommodated Vivid's request to amend their permit, they have violated it, and lost the right to continue it. It does not sound like acoustic is what people are hearing.

Mr. Brown felt it a shame to cancel it on their last weekend. Biggest complaint was the base was vibrating people's windows.

Chair English Braga feels they have these two events and permit should not extend past the end of October; they should have to come back in front of the Select Board for future events. It seems music has been primary component of their business, not the movies.

Mr. Patterson agrees, they said the option of broadcasting audio into cars via an FM channel, they will still create so much noise in any performance, it likely would not work for them.

Are people staying in their cars or getting out of their cars and dancing. Unknown if those attending are staying in their cars.

Mr. Suso said if someone deems the sound excessive, they call the FPD, PD determines if the volume is leaving that area into neighborhood areas and can cite them for it. Additional complaints, the FPD could be asked to cease their performance. The FPD responded several times, no citations have been issued.

Mr. Brown thinks Mr. Suso should speak with Mr. Pacheco again and advise him that he is close to being shut down, more complaints will lead to shut down. Mr. Jones agrees with this suggestion.

Chair English Braga requested review of the license on for the first Select Board meeting of November. Mr. Suso informed Mr. Pacheco there would be discussions tonight regarding the concerns, he will invite them to attend the Select Board meeting on 11/9/20.

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**Mr. Brown motion to approve. Second Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

6. Individual Select Board Members' Reports

Mr. Brown:

Attended Assembly meeting, Cape Cod Commission presented regarding survey on the Cape, half of businesses were not sure they would survive another year under current conditions. Commissioners spent about \$900,000 on dredging. Authorized purchase of firefighting equipment for forestry management. The county will own the trailer, ATV unit, and other equipment for controlled burns.

Attended Long Range Vineyard Transportation Task Force, regarding reducing traffic to the Vineyard, sharing information at these meetings. Had convo with the New Bedford Port Manager, they are on track for late fall/early winter start on their port project, hope it will be running by late 2022. Next meeting they will discuss the NB option. Freight hauling out of New Bedford was profitable for the vendor, only because the SSA subsidized it.

Vineyard business owners were pleased with the fall they were having, SSA revenues are up, the island is doing well economically at this time.

7. Town Manager's Report

Thursday afternoon, Mr. Suso attended a meeting with EDIC regarding community broadband network, Attended the Long Term Vineyard Transportation Task Force meeting. Submissions on proposed fy22 budget, most challenging budget year.

Veteran's Services will have virtual observance.

Town Meeting will convene 11/16/20, as previously announced.

All encouraged to vote.

**Mr. Jones motion to adjourn. Second Mr. Brown. Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Taylor, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Chair English Braga, aye; Mr. Patterson, aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves  
Recording Secretary