



TO: Select Board and Staff
 FROM: Mike Renshaw *MR*
 SUBJECT: Monthly Department Activity Update, April 2025
 DATE: May 2, 2025

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Select Board Meeting, Monday, May 5 at 6:30 PM (Executive Session at 6:00)
- Select Board Meeting, Monday, May 19 at 6:30 PM
- Town Election, May 20

ACCOUNTING

DATE	WARRANT	VENDOR	INVOICES	CHECKS	PAYROLL	
3/6/2025	W36	1,641,406.20	365	209		
3/13/2025	W37	3,533,021.54	676	345	890,845.19	Town
					1,340,750.34	School
3/20/2025	W38	1,177,905.60	526	276		
					932,218.86	Town
3/27/2025	W39	2,304,463.65	438	229	1,308,843.58	School
	TOTAL	8,656,796.99	2,005	1,059	4,472,657.97	

- Attended Annual MMAAA conference in Amherst
- Cape Cod Community College Internship Meeting
- IT Training
- Retirement Board Meeting

- Monthly Reports to Departments and Committees
- Processed 15 Manual Journal Entries
- Continue to work on MUNIS conversion

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT (MARCH DATA)

- Excise Abatements:
 - Auto abatements -391 requested and abated 391 total abated 2025.
 - Boat abatements -10 requested and abated. 8 total abated 2025.
 - Boat maintenance -18 accounts updated. 18 accounts maintained via US mail, email and in person.
 - Boat write offs (uncollectable 2019-2024) –151
 - Boat yard reports – 0
 - Auto commitment year to date \$5,191,318.
 - Auto write offs 379

- Deed Transfers –80 deed transfers and related instruments were received, researched, and posted to our Patriot Properties data system.

- Building Inspections – 100 Building inspections and reviews were completed.

- Building permit sign off and reviews – 602 permits were reviewed and signed off via Permit Eyes software.

- Sales reviews – 90 sales reviews were completed.

- Address Changes – 55 address changes were requested; all were updated in the Patriot Properties and RRC data system.

- Betterment payoffs and requests -2 requested payoff amounts.

- Abutters List- 35 abutters lists were requested and produced.

- Public records request – 22 public records requests completed.

- Phone Requests- an average of 45 to 50 phone calls per day were answered. Requested were for assessed values, tax bill questions, auto and boat excise questions, betterment questions general assessment questions.

- In Person Visits – an average of 25 in person visits a day. Requests for field cards, maps, abatements, general value questions.

- Two staff members attended continuing education. Our Assistant Assessor has relocated and the position has been posted.

- Upcoming events: working with Patriot properties to create a GIS link for the assessing department.
- Have begun the work for software conversion for billing.
- Mailing of Senior Exemptions is complete. Ownership verification has begun. We expect this work to continue through April 1, 2025. We have processed 354 applications to date.
- 13 Real Estate abatements were processed, 79 year to date, and 0 Personal Property abatements was processed, 13 year to date.
- The Assessors committed to the Collector \$5,191,318 in Auto Excise tax
- We continue to inspect and review data on Real Estate and Personal Property values.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

- 571 applications received and reviewed, building permits were issued including 3 new residential dwellings, 1 accessory structure, 1 demo and rebuild and 0 new commercial building.
- 886 inspections were performed. Inspections included foundations, footings, plumbing, gas, electrical, frame, insulation, final and yearly CI inspections.
- 32 scheduled plan review meetings with building commissioner and assistant zoning compliance agent
- 0 documents scanned and archived permits open, 1146 permits cleaned and uploaded to permiteyes.
- \$151,035.71 in fees collected including cash, check, online payments, waived, rejected payments, and refunds

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

- 16 complaints were investigated.
- 0 non-conforming packages were researched.
- Approximately 30 calls a week responding to zoning issues.

- 6 Enforcement letters certified.
- 19 fines were issued in total amount of \$11,800.
- 5 ZBA referrals reviewed, and comments provided.
- 1 Planning Board referrals reviewed, and comments provided

TREASURER/COLLECTOR (MARCH DATA)

- 184 Parking hearing disputes scheduled.
- 86 Wires processed.
- RE/PP Collection for March \$1,011,897.
- Working with Assessors and Department of revenue on 68 land of low value property (unbuildable with values less than \$27,315).
- 2025 Excise & 2024/07 Due 3/26/25 Collected \$3,872,979.
- 46 bank accounts reconciled and verified with accounting.
- 1,076 accounts payable checks mailed.
- 108 invoices processed for bi-weekly payroll deductions.
- 22 general ledger accounts for payroll deductions reconciled.
- 75 municipal lien certificates processed (done for property sales, refinancing, insurance claims, etc.).
- 189 Building permit reviews for paid taxes were completed.
- 540 deposits posted.

- Weekly meeting with Police Department pay-station project
- Assisted Town departments with procurement related activities:
 - Hatchville Fire Station – Ongoing project support
 - Financial Management Software – Ongoing project support and training
 - April Town Meeting – Warrant book prep
 - Finance Committee – Ongoing assistance
 - Town Purchasing Card – Purchase Assistance - School
 - Recreation Flooring – Misc. Assistance
 - Recreation Protective Gym Flooring System – Misc. Assistance
 - East Falmouth Library OPM – RFQ Review and Advertising
 - Police Station Flooring RFQ – Advertising
 - Marks Building Phase II – Review Meeting

Upcoming April:

- Working with Senior Center to get credit cards established.
- Q4 RE/PP
- 2nd commitment of 2025 Excise going out.
- 2025 Boats to be mailed.

CONSERVATION

Land Management

- Mark Kasprzyk, Land Manager, continues his work to remove invasive species from several Town owned properties including the Coonamessett Fields, Peterson Farm, the Upper Coonamessett River and the Little Pond Conservation area. Mark is assisted by the Town DPW, Americorps, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School, and pro bono work by several arborists in Falmouth.
- Mark continues to attend multiple meetings per month regarding several Town projects including weekly meetings for the Upper Coonamessett River Restoration, meetings for the culvert replacement at Red Brook Rd, the potential culvert daylighting at Martin Rd, and the Oyster Pond culvert replacement, to name a few. Mark also serves as the liaison to the Fresh Water Pond Advisory Committee for the Conservation Commission.

Regulatory Work

- The Commission held 4 hearings in April.
- We reviewed and processed 41 permit applications which included 16 Notice of Intents (NOI), 20 Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), and 5 Request to Amend an existing Order of Conditions (AOC).
- Detailed staff reports were given to the Commission and applicants prior to the hearings.
- Conservation staff received 4 requests for a Certificate of Compliance and 10 requests for Administrative Review (approval) in April.
- Conservation staff issued 20 approved decisions and one (1) denial for failure to meet the applicable wetlands regulations.
- The Commission held 1 new enforcement hearing for work done without a proper permit.
- Conservation staff held offices hours each week on Tuesdays and Fridays to assist residents and engineers with projects, ideas, and concerns.
- The Conservation Department has been assigned and reviewed 106 building and express permits in April.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Performed the following inspections/site visits:
 - Title 5/ septic related - 67
 - Food Safety - 38
 - Housing/nuisance – 12
 - Other - 4
 - Total: 121
- Applications –This month a total of 297 applications were received and 191 applications were processed. Rental registration, food and Title 5 were the primary applications received.
- Reviewed approximately 76 building permit applications and provided 9 ZBA and Planning referrals.
- Staffing – The part-time food inspector position remains open. However, our most recent inspector who left in October is willing to return this summer

intermittently to help perform food inspections. Assistant Health Agent returned to military duty on 1-7-2025 slated for a 9-2025 return (orders were extended from July). Our Temporary Asst. Agent will cover this position on a part-time basis.

- There continues to be a significant increase in rental registrations since Health sent out registration reminders to all short-term rental listed on the state's short-term rental tax list in January. We have received 512 rental applications thus far in 2025. 199 rental applications were received during the same period in 2024.
- A public hearing on the proposed Plastic Reduction Regulation was held by the Board of Health on 3-24-2025. A subsequent meeting was held on 4-14-2025 and will once again be taken up tonight, 4-28-2025, by the Board of Health for a possible vote.
- The Board of Health continues to work on a regulation that would require advanced nitrogen removal (I/A systems) for new construction, substantial improvements and failed Title 5 inspections in Nitrogen Sensitive and impaired watersheds. The Board will be discussing the language of the regulation at all future meetings until complete. The proposed regulation will be submitted to Town Counsel once completed. Public Hearings would then be held most likely in the spring/summer of 2025. Health continues to field a high volume of calls regarding septic systems and denitrification. We strive to answer these as best as we can with though we lack definitive answers at this point in the process.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Recruitment

We are very pleased to welcome our new employees:

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Brady Bramwell	DPW – Highway	Highway Laborer	02/18/2025
Paul Barden	Zoning Board of Appeals Office	Part-Time Temporary Administrative Clerk	02/26/2025
David Donnelly	DPW – Facilities	Custodian	03/05/2025
Michael Rose	DPW – Facilities	Temporary Custodian	03/05/2025
Jennifer Bartels	Fire Rescue	Firefighter/EMT	03/09/2025
Anthony Gardina	Fire Rescue	Firefighter/EMT	03/09/2025
Brendan Spillane	Fire Rescue	Firefighter/EMT	03/09/2025
Stacey Waid	Planning	GIS Specialist	03/17/2025
Wendy Wilkerson	Assessing	Administrative Clerk	03/24/2025
Scott Holmes	Building	Local Inspector	03/31/2025
Emily Himmelstoss	Human Resources	Recording Secretary for the Board of Health and Recreation Committee	04/14/2025
Christopher Seariac	DPW – Wastewater	Assistant Wastewater Superintendent	04/22/2025
John Lovett	DPW – Parks	Forestry/Tree Care Supervisor	05/12/2025
Joshua Wrigley	DPW – Admin/Engineering	Coastal Resilience Specialist	05/12/2025

Other Human Resources Activity

- **Open Enrollment:** We are pleased to welcome benefit-eligible employees to the start of our annual Open Enrollment from May 1, 2025 through May 23, 2025. The open enrollment period is the opportunity to add, change, cancel, or add a qualifying dependent to a health insurance, dental, and/or vision plan by completing the necessary paperwork with Benefits Administrator Robin Callaghan by no later than noon on Friday, May 23, 2025. Please visit our updated website [here](#) to learn more about the Town's comprehensive benefits offerings.
- **Health & Benefits Fair:** We are looking forward to hosting our annual Health & Benefits Fair on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gus

Canty Community Center. We encourage all benefit-eligible employees to drop in to learn more about your benefit options, participate in wellness screenings, and enter to win raffle prizes!

- **Seasonal Recruitment:** We are in various stages of onboarding returning seasonal staff and recruiting for the following seasonal positions (see active job postings [here](#)):
 - Assistant Animal Control Officer
 - Assistant Harbormaster/Shellfish Constables
 - Beach Clerks
 - Beach Coordinator
 - Beach Maintenance Equipment Operator
 - Beach Maintenance Foreman
 - Beach Maintenance Laborers
 - Conservation Technician
 - Police Community Service Representatives (Civilian Foot Patrol)
 - Harbor Assistants
 - Head Summer Counselors
 - Lifeguards
 - Parking Attendants – Day Shift
 - Parking Attendants – Sunset Shift
 - Parks Laborers
 - Shellfish Technicians
 - Summer Counselors
- We expect to hire over 200 seasonal employees.
- **Recruitment:** We have been working through significant challenges with our new recruitment and onboarding software and have resumed recruitment and onboarding after an unexpected software shutdown. In addition to troubleshooting the new system, we are working through the substantial queue of recruitment and onboarding work that was stalled during the shutdown and troubleshooting period.
- The Human Resources Director is part of the team planning and executing the implementation of the payroll, timekeeping, and accrual modules of the integrated financial management software with an anticipated Go-Live date of January 1, 2026.
- The Assistant Human Resources Director completed the Winter 2025 MMA-Suffolk Municipal Human Resources Seminar, held one full day per week for five weeks.
- The Human Resources Director is assisting the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager with collective bargaining.
- We assisted and are actively assisting departments with personnel issues.

LIBRARY

- School Vacation Week recently wrapped up, and the Library loaded up a whole week's worth of programs to entertain our youngest library users who had the week off. Community Doodle Day kicked things on Tuesday, April 22, with opportunities to design, draw, and decorate scattered all throughout the Main Library and its branches. Tommy the Magician stopped by the Main Library on Tuesday for a magic show, while Rainforest Reptiles stopped by the East Falmouth branch. Pop-up Art School, Lego Mazes, Puzzle-making and an Elephant and Piggie Party and Story time were just a few of the other events put together by Youth Services and Branch staff to make sure no one could say they were bored during Spring Break.
- The Library's popular program series Joy of Learning returned in April in a new format with the first session of a series on generative artificial intelligence, led by Falmouth resident, librarian and AI trainer Jane Stimpson. Attendees of *Joy of Learning: Session One, Generative Artificial Intelligence*, picked up the basics of artificial intelligence, and how is it making its way into everyday life - our social media, phones, and even drive-throughs. A second session that will cover topics in deeper detail, *Generative AI: Detecting and Protecting Yourself from AI Misinformation*, will take place in May on two dates. Registration for those events is available through the [Library's event calendar](#).
- *Bravery and Honor: Falmouth Soldiers & Sailors of the Civil War - A Walking Tour* took place at Oak Grove Cemetery on Saturday, April 26. Despite the rain, those who attended toured the historic final resting grounds of Falmouth men who bravely answered the call to join the Union army and navy during the Civil War.
- In partnership with the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, the Falmouth Public Library will be screening the 2024 documentary *All We Carry* on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm in the Hermann Room. This feature documentary, *All We Carry*, follows a young Honduran family as they flee persecution—migrating in cargo trains across Mexico, claiming asylum at the US border, and enduring separation in detention before being released in Seattle. There, a local synagogue sponsors the family for two years while they await the final decision on their asylum case. As the family tries to settle into their new home, they navigate countless life-altering and every-day moments where memory, joy, and grief collide. Registration for the screening through the [Library's events calendar](#) is strongly encouraged.

MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Harbormaster Division

- 237 Transient reservations processed on opening day of 4/7.
- Construction completed at Simpson's Landing Bulkhead.
- Great Pond Inlet dredging started on 4/17.
- YTD 69 mooring offers, 39 new mooring permits issued; 30 deferrals processed to date.
- Attended training for CivicsPlus and Clearpoint Strategy Software.
- Meeting for dredge disposal site approval at 24 Willis Ln.
- Attended April County Dredge Advisory meeting.
- Confirmed attendance at a Federal Dredge summit meeting hosted by Senator Warren and Markey's office for 5/15.
- Prepared Seaport Grant Application for Marina Park upgrades.



New floats and ramp installed at Megansett

Natural Resource Division

- Cut and prepped Coonamessett River in Matthew Souza Conservation area in preparation for the 2025 Spring herring run season. (Before and after pictures attached).
- Opened the Coonamessett River at the headwaters to flush out silt from Baptiste restoration project for five days, then put in flow controlling boards to begin 2025 Spring herring run season.
- Maintained Flax Pond covert as part of the Coonamessett water system. This included cutting back brush, adding sandbags to divert water, and changing out boards to allow appropriate flow to river system. (Picture attached)
- Cut and prepped Weaks Pond, off Dillingham Ave, in preparation for the herring.
- Placed a stone ladder to assist herring coming through the culvert to Shivericks Pond coming in from Siders Pond.
- Maintained the Upper and Lower Coonamessett River Wetland Complex, this included pulling out logs from the fish ladder, removing pallets blocking the run, and cutting up fallen trees.
- Put out osprey nest in Salt Pond.
- Assisted Animal Control Officers in Long Pond, Chappaquoit Beach, Blacks Beach, and Falmouth Heights Beach in dogs off-leash patrols.
- Patrolled Long Pond for fishing violations.
- Collaborated with Buzzards Bay Coalition to cut access for fish counting at Cedar Lake.



Simpson's Landing project completed.

Shellfish Division

- Continued work with MIT S-Lab students on aquaculture sustainability project
- Submitted draft Aquaculture Permitting & Engineering Contractor contract for Town review
- Submitted draft Bog Pond Fishway contract for Town review
- 7 vacant commercial shellfish permits to be reassigned by lottery drawing on April 28, 2025
- Lead the AmeriCorps volunteers (5) to prep poles for the Waquoit Bay second year oyster farm deployment. We also filled second year oyster bags for Great Pond and staged bottom cages as part of a wave reduction shoreline erosion study.
- Lead the Barnstable County Jail Inmates (4) and officers (2) deploy the Waquoit Bay floating farm, Great Pond bottom cage farm, and West Falmouth floating and bottom cage farm.
- Changed out signs at West Falmouth family area from "open" to "closed".
- Lead Upper Cape Technical High School students in two volunteering events to build commercial oyster bags.
- Seeded out West Falmouth family area with overwintered oysters from 2024.
- Pulled histology samples from Waquoit Bay and Great Pond oysters and Falmouth Inner Harbor Bay scallops.
- Toured MIT S-Lab students around Falmouth to explain the aquaculture systems.
- Lead local volunteers (20) in three commercial bag building projects to complete 300 new bag requests.

General Office & Maintenance

- Final private mooring fees \$286,150, Boat Yard & Yacht clubs \$60,970, wait lists \$60,400, Seasonal Wharfage \$487,833, Seasonal Power \$36,600, Total Seasonal \$524,433.
- First day transient reservation sales \$150,506.50.
- Marina restrooms repainted for opening.
- Commissioned 104. 105. 107. 108 boats.
- Prepared and deployed local Aids to Navigation

- H2O on at all boat ramps.
- Installed in pole at Tides for Clam Shack camera swap.
- Assisted with installation of boat ramp and landing floats

Animal Control Division

- 5 Dogs impounded and returned to owners.
- 1 Dogs adopted out through the Town of Falmouth Animal Control office.
- 30+ Wildlife calls responded to for service and evaluation.
- 5 Pets placed under and released from quarantine per Massachusetts General Law for bite related incidents.
- Continued documentation, reporting, and disposal of deceased avian around town.
- Continued beach patrols for dogs off-leash on public beaches.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming meetings:

- Historical Commission Public Meeting 6:00 p.m. May 6, Town Hall (SB Mtg Rm)
- Planning Board Public Meeting 6:30 p.m. May 13 Town Hall (SB Mtg Rm)
- Planning Board Public Meeting 6:30 p.m. May 27, Town Hall (SB Mtg Rm)

Planning Board / Historical Commission

- The Planning Board received six (6) applications in April – two (2) were for Approval Not Required endorsement and four (4) were for Site Plan Review.
- The Historical Commission received five (5) applications in April – four (4) were for Administrative Approval and one (1) was for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Planning Department

- Local Comprehensive Plan Update: Staff continued work on the One Stop for Growth grant program applications for the Route 151 Water Main Extension Project and the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) update.

- Mixed Residential and Commercial Overlay District (MRCOD) Design Guidelines: On April 10th, staff conducted a site visit with Cape Cod Commission staff for the MRCOD Design Guidelines project.
- Zoning Amendments: Staff began work on the potential zoning amendments for the November 2025 ATM. Potential amendments include 1) updating the Floodplain Overlay District bylaw, 2) updating the Site Plan Review bylaw, 3) updating/correcting some Definitions, and other small corrections.
- Staff worked with the Human Resources department to advertise the Community Preservation Coordinator position. Interviews are anticipated in May 2025.
- Staff prepared materials in advance of the Downtown Parking Management Plan presentation for the Falmouth Village Association annual meeting.

Housing

Local Initiative Program (LIP) Applications

- There is one pending LIP application:
 - 0 Broken Bow Ln – Rental units on 1.5 acres – Developer is attending their third Housing Development Working Group meeting in the Pre-Application Phase of the process April 24, 2025.

Town-Owned Land Disposition

- Staff is in the process of drafting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with assistance from Barrett Planning Group for the disposal of the town-owned land approved by Town Meeting in November.

Falmouth Affordable Housing Fund (FAHF)

- Current FAHF applications
 - 419 Waquoit Highway, Falmouth Housing Trust: Applicant is requesting \$25,000 for pre-application costs. Applicant is going before the Select Board as Trustees of the FAHF on April 28, 2025.
 - 85 Brick Kiln Road, Dan Maclone/Nick Mirrione: Applicant has filed an amended application to increase the request to \$2,250,000 from \$1,920,000 for a project that includes forty (40) rental units total. Of that forty (40), the developer is proposing ten (10) units deed restricted at 80% of the AMI and five (5) units restricted at 120% of the AMI beyond the 25% required by the 40B statute (10 units) for a total of twenty-five (25) deed restricted units. All in perpetuity. Applicant is scheduled to go before the FAHF Working Group on April 30, 2025.

- 4 Sandwich Road, Michael Galasso: Applicant is requesting \$1,500,000 for a project that includes ten (10) deed restricted units. Of that ten (10), one (1) will be deed restricted at 80% of the AMI, three (3) will be deed restricted at 100% of the AMI, and six (6) will be deed restricted at 120% of the AMI. Applicant is scheduled to go before the FAHF Working Group on April 30, 2025.
- Staff is preparing financial award documentation for several projects recently approved by the Select Board.
- Housing Coordinator (HC) is working with the Housing Partnership Group to organize an educational forum regarding housing. We have a forum scheduled for June 11, 2025. The goal is to do 4 a year.
- HC attended the Affordable Housing Committee meeting and gave her monthly report.
- As a member of the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Committee, HC attended the monthly meeting held on the 3rd Thursday of the month as well as attending “open office hours” for the Shared Regional Housing Services every other Tuesday.

GIS

- Biweekly data updates to Rapid SOS geodatabase for the Safety / Dispatch Director
- Biweekly data updates sent to MARK43 used for FIRE & Police
- Creating Falmouth Beach Markers for all Beaches in Falmouth
- Creating and updating Falmouth Cemetery Locations
- GIS has loaded and is up to date with all DPW water accounts and change of addresses to Falmouth Properties.
- Restoring and Cleaning Up the GIS DATABASE and Layers filling in missing components as well as gathering new components for input
- GIS is working with CCC on a variety of Cape wide Projects
- GIS is working on MASS GIS yearly submissions for the Town.

- Working on recertification for all the new ESRI updates and ESRI applications.
- The GIS department will be working with Health Department to create a new Nitrogen Layer
- The GIS department is working with Conservation on a Falmouth Pond project to buffer and then address catch basins surrounding those specific ponds
- GIS is working with Conservation on updates to Active Cranberry Bogs of Falmouth
- Interactive GIS has been updated with the current (April 2025) layer from State on Open Spaces.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Team Monthly Update

- March 22nd Officer J. Massi spoke as part of a panel during a round table discussion on preventing financial and identity fraud at the Falmouth Community Veterans Center.
- March 22nd multiple officers from multiple ranks participated in and attended the Guns N' Hoses charity hockey game.
- March 25th the Honor Guard consisting of Lieutenant Kinsella, Lieutenant Simoneau and Officer J. Massi presented the Colors for the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission conference.
- March 31st Sergeant Donahue, Officer Garrison and Officer J. Massi did high five Monday at Mullen Hall School.
- April 4th Officer Basey gave a tour of FPD and the cruisers to an autistic teenager that walked into the lobby requesting a tour.
- April 7th Sergeant Donahue, Officer Meunier and Officer J. Massi did high five Monday at East Falmouth School.
- April 8th Captain Reid, Lieutenant Cummings, Sergeant Ferrer and Officer J. Massi attended the quarterly meeting at the Falmouth Hospital. These meetings between the hospital, Falmouth PD, Falmouth FD, Gosnold and JML have been instrumental in improving working relationships between all the agencies.

- April 9th Officer Creel escorted the Little Blue Coffee Cart from the Tides Motel to the beach and back upon their request.
- April 10th Officer J. Massi gave the kindergarten students at North Falmouth Elementary School a tour of the cruiser during their recess.
- Multiple dates throughout the month: Officer Meunier and Officer J. Massi have worked on planning FPD's first charity gala to raise money for Cops For Kids With Cancer. 240 tickets have been sold to the event on May 9th. The event has already raised \$10,000 for Cops For Kids With Cancer.
- Officer McGraw and Officer J. Massi designed FPD autism patches for officers to wear on their uniforms for Autism Awareness Month. 200 patches were ordered and the proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism. Patches can be bought from the Chief's Assistant, Officer J. Massi or Officer McGraw.

Social Media Team Monthly Update

- From March 15th through April 15th the Social Media Team made 26 Facebook posts which had a combined 1,304,580 views.

Patrol and Detective Division Monthly Update

The **Operations Division** (Uniformed Patrol) reported the following activity:

Crashes- 59

Section 35 (Involuntary Committals for Drugs/ Alcohol)-5

B&E- 8

Welfare Checks- 96

Disturbances- 30

Domestics- 15

Larceny- 25

Section 12 (Involuntary Committals for Mental Health- 14

Motor Vehicle Stops- 438 (106 citations issued)

Suicide Attempts/Threats- 6

Vandalism- 9

Total Arrests- 14

Police Reports- 208

Self-Initiated Calls- 1,425

Dispatched Calls- 1,574

Total Calls- 2,999

Specialized Services Division (Detectives & School Resource) reported the following activity:

General Detectives:

- 4 New Investigations/Working existing cases
- Grand Jury Proceedings on Multiple Cases
- Assisted the Patrol Division with one unattended death investigation.

Missing Persons:

- Missing Person Case, Michael Boling still an active investigation, assisted by the MA State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office.
- Cold Case Missing Person, Raymond Barabe, from 1968, still an active investigation, assisted by the MA State Police Cold Case Unit.

Sexual Assault Investigations:

- Two new investigations received, under investigation.

Narcotics:

- Street level narcotics sales are being addressed on a consistent basis.
- Falmouth Police Detectives, and the department's Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer assisted the MA State Police CINRET Unit (Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team) with a search warrant and two arrests at a Homestead Lane address. As the result of the warrant, narcotics were seized from the residence. Two parties were subsequently placed under arrest; David Brasil, 45 of Falmouth, was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance,

Possession of a Class C Substance and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws. Mary Hunt, 59 of Falmouth was arrested for Possession of a Class B Substance.

Schools:

- SRO received six new Investigations

Staff Clinicians had the following activity for the month:

Individuals / Households served: 50

Each individual person served creates approximately 3-10 collateral contact / follow up calls (Families, schools, providers, etc.) Patrol co-response calls: 43

Calls addressed during routine co-response hours (911 calls, dispatch requests) and officer referrals for outreach / support

Station walk-in requests/collateral/family consults/officer referrals: 12

Community requests or referrals to speak to a Clinician
Section 12 commitments: 9

Petitions for mental health evaluations at Falmouth Hospital under Section 12
Mandated reports: 0

Meetings

- Essential Services Network biweekly meeting
- Monthly PD/EMS/Senior Center collaboration meeting
- Statewide PD clinicians meeting
- Barnstable CIT
- Falmouth Hospital/Falmouth Police Department Quarterly meeting

Radio Infrastructure Project continues to move forward. The Town is working to secure contracts with several private tower owners in order to optimize the placement of our equipment for enhanced communications in the new network. Town owned sites have been identified and the appropriate permits will be obtained prior to equipment installation. We remain hopeful to have the infrastructure in place prior to summer.

CAD/Police RMS is nearing implementation. Our vendor (Mark43) will be on-site for training in the coming weeks, and we expect the software to go live beginning June 3.

Administrative Division Update:

This report provides updates on key initiatives within the Falmouth Police Department's Administrative Division, including staffing, technology, accreditation, and community safety programs, as of April 28, 2025.

Staffing Analysis Report

- The Falmouth Police Department's Staffing Analysis Report, which evaluates workforce needs to ensure sufficient personnel and specialization for public safety and operational efficiency, is complete and under review by the Town Manager.

Body-Worn Cameras

- The Body-Worn Camera Program enhances transparency, accountability, police-community relations, and evidence collection for legal cases.
- All sworn officers are trained, equipped with body-worn cameras, and actively using them during patrol operations.

Accreditation

- Accreditation ensures a police department meets professional standards, boosting credibility, accountability, and effectiveness through a structured evaluation process.
- The Accreditation Team is in the Self-Assessment Phase, updating policies and procedures to align with Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) best practices.

Parking Pay Stations

- The Town of Falmouth has acquired 22 Flowbird parking pay stations to replace aging meters on Water Street, Railroad Avenue, Luscombe Avenue, MBL Street, North Street, Grand Avenue, Robbins Road, and Clinton Avenue.
- The Collector's Office, Police Department, Department of Public Works, and Flowbird representatives are collaborating on programming and installation, with installation projected for the week of May 12, 2025.
- The Flowbird Parking Suite includes a mobile parking app, pay-by-text, and pay stations launching in May 2025.

Canine Program

- The Department's goal is to deploy two specially trained police canines for narcotics investigations, explosives detection, and other roles (e.g., locating missing people, tracking suspects, searching for items, and apprehension).

- Funding is being sought to cover start-up costs, including canine acquisition and officer training.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration

- The Department is continually improving our VueWorks workorder system. The monthly work order total for Highways, Parks, and Water is #660 with #439 completed as of April 22nd.
- The Department is entering the 2025 Townwide cleanup, maintenance, and construction season. Winter cleanup and park/ field readiness is underway. Roadway intersection projects, along with drainage repairs, new sidewalk construction and roadway widening projects have started. The Department's eight Divisions take pride in working together to achieve a common goal and provide a better working environment for our employees and strive to keep our Town beautiful. More detailed project reporting is outlined in each of the Divisions reports.

Engineering

- Shivericks Pond Timber Pier:
The construction commenced March 31, 2025.
The sediment boom and staging are complete.



- Surf Drive Improvements:
Monitoring of horizontal drilling and restoration of Surf Drive. Conduit is extended offshore from the Mill Road and Surf Drive parking lots.
Drainage installation on Surf Drive is underway,



- Main and Scranton Intersection Improvements: Work is underway on drainage and electrical conduit installation.



- Upper Coonamessett River Restoration: Contract Administration as well as field survey support for walking trail layout is continuing.



- Assist with bid preparation and administration for various DPW activities.
- Continued review and permitting privately proposed projects.
- Survey support for Public Works, Recreation and Conservation projects.

Recycling & Solid Waste

- Spring Clothing & Textile Collection: DPW hosted a clothing and textile collection event on April 5-6, collecting 14,000 lbs. (7 Tons) of material, filling two trailers to capacity. These events provide residents with a convenient way to dispose of large quantities of excess clothing, shoes, and household linens while raising awareness of the Town's recycling and waste diversion programs.

Running a clothing collection at the municipal scale is physically hard work, often in unpleasant weather, and we were fortunate to have the FHS Boys Soccer Teams volunteer to do the heavy lifting! The boys greeted residents, unloaded their vehicles, and packed the materials into the vendor's trailer. Baystate Textiles pays a donation of \$0.06 per pound of material collected, so groups have a monetary incentive to volunteer and use this as a fundraiser. The team received a check for \$840 for their efforts over the two-day event.

In 2022, Massachusetts added clothing and textiles to its "Waste Ban" list, requiring residents and businesses to divert these materials from landfills and

incinerators. Since our first event in November 2022, DPW's eight collection events have diverted a total of 85,750 lbs. (42.9 Tons) of textiles from the waste stream. This is in addition to tonnage collected at permanent bins around town.



FHS Boys Soccer players volunteer at Clothing & textile collection on 4/5/25



When full, each 20 x 8 x 7 trailer holds between 6-8 Tons of material.

- Upcoming recycling events include:
 - May 3: Information Table at Spring Clean-Up Event at Bad Martha's
 - May 31: EPS/Styrofoam Collection at 416 Gifford Street, 9am -12pm
 - June 7: Recycling presentation at Seacoast Shores HOA, 9-10 am
 - June 21: Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Falmouth HS, 9a -1pm
 - Pending Date/Time: Paper Document Shredding

Highways / Waste Management Facility

- Drainage installations and upgrades have been completed on Sandwich Road and John Parker.
- Crews hauled about 2,000Cy of material from the dredging of Salt and Fresh River to the roadsides along Surf Drive. This created dunes which will be planted for erosion control and protect the roadway. Crews also added new sand to the Surf Drive Beach area as part of our annual nourishment.
- Highway laborers in collaboration with the Conservation department continued work at Peterson Farm clearing land and removing debris.
- Drainage cleaning is on-going, focusing on Sandwich prior to the water work which is scheduled to begin this spring.
- Staff have continued to work on the new WMF building. Interior doors, Paint, Ceilings and floor are complete.

- Staff took advantage of some days with foul weather and worked to prepare a plot of land at Andrews Farm. This will become plots for the farming Falmouth group.
- Spring road repairs are underway. Pothole repair and sweeping are a priority until May 1st when we will start our street markings. The painting of all roadway lines, crosswalks and arrows is a yearly maintenance priority.

Parks

- Parks installed temporary foul poles for little league at Lawrence School and Morse Pond.
- Staff cleaned up the front grounds, baseball field and pruned trees at Morse Pond School.
- Benches were installed for Baseball field at North Falmouth Elementary
- Crew's painted the Goodwill park bathrooms to cover graffiti.
- Staff poured concrete pad for ADA picnic table at George Gaspa field by newly planted pollinator garden and playground.
- Parks groomed, graded, replaced valve boxes and installed conditioner to the George Gaspa Babe Ruth field.
- Crews groomed and replenished infield conditioner at the Varsity Softball field
- Deacons park flagpole was replaced.
- Staff has regraded, reseeded grounds at Marina Park from continual vehicle damage to the grass.
- Parks cleaned and mulched all tree replacement beds.
- Crews regraded and replenished the Trotting Park and Fuller field tracks.
- Parks cleaned the grounds and softball field at the Administration building.
- Staff replaced and installed drainage to ten electrical boxes at the Village Green.
- Forestry crew replanted 216 King Street from prior Shade Tree Hearing this past fall.

- Forestry has ground numerous stumps throughout Town over the past month.
- Playground inspections have been performed on North Falmouth School, Goodwill Park and Fuller field.
- Staff attended proper planting care class held by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association.
- Crew installed all the flags on Main Street.



- Vacant Full-time positions:
Grade 10 Forestry Crew Leader
Grade 8 Parks Crew Leader
 - a. Grade 10 Forestry Crew Leader: This position is responsible for all tree care with the Towns roadways, Parks and School grounds. This position has been vacant since October of 2023.
- Due to the lack of a fully staffed forestry crew, the Parks Department is unable to keep up with Forestry driven complaints. We continually assess complaints and address any issues that pose a serious safety risk.

Water

- The bid for water main replacement for Sandwich Road (from Brick Kiln Rd to Teaticket HWY) and Leslie St, Hilton Ave, Sumner St, and James St (Woods Hole area) have been awarded to CC Construction. Currently, all parties are signing documentation. The anticipated start date for construction has yet to be determined.
- As of 4-14-2025 the Falmouth Water Department has approved 43 Permit Eyes sign offs for water related issues and 31 site plan reviews with the Falmouth Zoning Board of Appeals and The Planning Department in 2025.
- On April 7th, 2025, The Falmouth Water Department met with MADEP for a Sanitary Survey of our facilities. After reviewing all the facilities, there were zero violations found.

- The Falmouth Water Department's Crooked Pond Water Treatment Facility's air stripping tower media replacement and carbon media replacement capital improvements projects are progressing. Additional funds from free-cash were approved at the Spring 2025 Town Meeting to proceed and award the lowest bidder for this 2-part project. The NOA and agreement are being signed by the vendor to proceed.

- The Annual Statistical Report due to MADEP by 3-31-2025 for reporting year 2024 has been completed and submitted to MADEP. Our 2024, Unaccounted Water remains low at 8.1%. Our Consumer Confidence Report for "reporting year" 2024 has been completed. A copy of this report will be submitted with the May 1st, 2025 water and sewer bill. A copy of the report can also be found on the Falmouth, MA Water Department homepage: <https://www.falmouthma.gov/314/Water>

- Annual Spring Flushing is progressing – Additional information for "streets flushed" is updated every Friday on our Falmouth Water Department homepage. <https://www.falmouthma.gov/314/Water>

- Our team is working with engineering firm Tata and Howard to design a third lagoon at our Long Pond Water Treatment Facility. This design will benefit the associated costs for sludge removal.

- We are currently in the early phases of "New Source Approval" for reactivating The Ashumet Well. An agreement is being reviewed between the Air Force and The Town of Falmouth.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Construction Project:
 - Installed roof decking for new Electrical Building

 - Completed liquid tightness test for Blended Sludge Tank 3

 - Installed and started up new Ultraviolet Disinfection equipment (photo below)

 - Installed new Influent Wet Well pump #2 (photo below)

 - Installed propane tank for Vehicle Storage Building heat.

 - Formed, installed rebar and poured top slab for SBR valve vault

 - Project is 48% complete and is within budget

 - Construction end date may be delayed two months due to delayed delivery of motor control centers.



- Great Pond Phase 1 Wastewater Project:
 - Town meeting passed Article 15 at the April 2025 Town Meeting, appropriating \$60 million in funds for the project and determining that 70% of the service-area applicable cost will be paid by the abutting property owners via betterments, and the remaining cost will be paid by the Town.
 - Resolved lift station site access and stormwater plans.
- Outfall Data Collection and Permitting Project:
 - Met with the Division of Marine Fisheries about potential future shellfish area classifications related to the outfall.
 - Met with the Army Corps of Engineers about permitting for outfall construction.
 - Continued analyzing data from the soil borings and land boring.
 - Continued processing baseline data collected May-October of 2024.
- Operations:
 - Operators completed training on new UV disinfection system and on new influent wet well pumps.

Facilities

Operations Updates

- Facilities staff have completed approximately 115 work orders in the past month.
- We have 1 vacant full-time position remaining in the department.

Capital Project Updates

- Town Facility Assessment Study- Facilities completed the user database spreadsheet of all Town employees and submitted it to Brightly Software. All major assets and equipment are currently being reviewed by Alpha Facilities to be provided to Brightly. Brightly is entering/uploading all information into the Town's PM and Capital Asset Management portal as it is provided.
- Main Library Window Replacement Project- J.J. Cardosi Inc. is wrapping up miscellaneous submittals and our first pre-construction meeting was held on April 9, 2025. Windows are currently on order and a preliminary construction schedule has been submitted with mobilization in August 2025 and final completion anticipated in October 2025.
- Hatchville Fire Department- The Project Team and Building Committee has reached an agreement with Tower Construction for the replacement of all three (3) bifold doors. Manufacturing of the new doors is currently underway with installation scheduled for June. We have also continued to work through the building punch list, narrowing it down to a handful of minor warranty issues.
- Tony Andrews Farm- Construction of the building at Andrews Farm has been completed. The Facilities and other DPW departments are currently working on final utility installs and fit and finishes.

Fleet

- The Fleet Department is staying ahead with the daily repair and maintenance of the town's fleet.
- The Fleet Department is now in spring mode. We are ready for the summer months with all the equipment that is used is up and running. The winter equipment has been serviced and put away.
- We are waiting for two more vehicles that were ordered from the capital request of 2025. We have been getting updates on the two vehicles and they are still on schedule.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events for May

- Our annual Touch-A-Truck is on Saturday May 3rd from 12-2pm. This year, in addition to lots of big work trucks, we will also be having a few food trucks for attendants that may work up an appetite.

Youth Programs

- The Youth Baseball season begins on Saturday April 26th for Junior baseball and whiffle t-ball. Wednesday evening whiffle t-ball begins on Wednesday April 30th
- Family Nights, for families of children grades k-4, first Friday of the month.
- Youth Nights, for children in grades 5-8 every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday evening.
- Community Jazz Jam continues Wednesdays: Adults 1-2pm and Students grades 5-8, 4:30-5:30pm.
- Registration for all summer programming, including the popular Summer Adventure Program, Junior Golf and Sailing is ongoing
- New summer offerings through the recreation department include:
 - Brazilian United Soccer Camp – August 4th-August 8th (ages 3-14)
 - Hoop Camp – July 14th-18th (ages 7-15) run by Curry College head basketball coach Phil Alibrandi
 - Kids Boxing and Jiu-Jitsu – held at Daniel Gracie Academy.
 - Tennis in the Parks – run by the USTA New England, for beginner players in grades 1-8

Operations

- New carpet/flooring to be installed in the upstairs meeting rooms, office areas, and stairways.
- Received a donated bumper pool table for our game room.

SENIOR SERVICES

- 69 new participants enrolled.
- 6,414 participant swipe card check-ins [Units of Service].
- 736 Volunteer hours.
- 302 Transportation Rides cover 1,398 Miles.
- March 20, 2025: Senior Municipal Support Team Meeting [Senior Services, Human Services, Fire Rescue, Police Department representatives] reviewed 1 current case, 2 new cases, and closed 2 cases. Senior Services Outreach received 1 REACH Referrals from Fire Rescue and 2 from Police Department.

Special Program Initiatives for the Period March 25 – April 28, 2025

- Monthly Support Groups: Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group, Community Circle, LGBTQIA Support Group, Women’s Support Group.
- Monthly Information Tables: Cape Cod Community Health Center, Consumer Assistance Council, Elder Services, Falmouth Service Center, Falmouth Veterans Services, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Independence House, WE CAN.
- Weekly Professional Services: Gadget Tech Support, Legal Assistance, Senior Services Department Outreach Services, SHINE [Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone] Services.
- Weekly Exercise Programs: Barre Class, Variety of Cardio Aerobics and Strength Training Classes, Chair Yoga, Dance Fit & Fun, Gentle Yoga, Line Dancing, Meditation, Osteocise, Qigong, Slow Flow Yoga, Tai Ji, Yoga for Vitality. Senior Adult Walking, Basketball, and Pickleball offered at the Rec Center.
 - April 3rd: New Class Offering – Stretch & Flexibility Demonstration
- Weekly Social Programs: Backgammon, Bridge, Canasta, Chess, Cribbage, Having Fun with Poetry, Mahjong, Men’s Conversation Group, Needlework Group, Open Game Time, Ping Pong, Poker, Poetry, Pony, Pool Games, Puzzle Time, Rummikub, Scrabble.
- Weekley Wellness Clinic: VNA Public Health Division conducts weekly wellness clinics every Wednesday.
- Daily: Café breakfast, lunch, and special offerings. [1,379 service units]

- Daily: Fitness Room participation. March orientation was held for 18 participants. [1,041 service units]
- November 1st- April 30th: Fuel Assistance. The Senior Services Outreach Coordinator works with participants to apply for Fuel Assistance whether it's for a new application or recertification.
- January 6th- April 15th: AARP Tax Appointments scheduled through the Falmouth Senior Center Reception Office.
- February 3rd – April 7th: Bereavement Support Group led by Human Services licensed social worker.
- March 26th and April 16th: Cutting the Cord Technology Program about cost saving options regarding cable.
- March 27th and April 24th: Class on Genealogy “What’s your family story?” and learn your family tree. Facilitated by a representative from the Falmouth Genealogy Society.
- March 31st: Breakfast Social free to participants. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Falmouth Senior Center.
- April 2nd: Apple iOS Photos. Learn the ins and outs of photos utilizing the iOS 18.
- April 7th: Coffee & Conversation “Policing with the People”. The Police Chief provided department updates. Special Guest – Captain Doug DeCosta presentation on accreditation and body worn cameras. Q&A.
- April 7th: SHINE Volunteer Training program.
- April 8th: Monthly Book Club – Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.
- April 10th: Card Making art class.
- April 10th: Senior Center Cooking Class “Fresh Fun and Fabulous Cooking with Volunteers Mike, Karen and Dave. “Seafood Newburg and Specialty Salad”.
- April 14th – 18th: May/June 2025 Fitness Class Registration Online and In Person.
 - Credit Card Process Implementation.
- April 14th: Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority presentation and overview of the new SmartDART service and assisting residents to download and navigate the app. GO CARD app assistance was also made available.
- April 17th: Paint Class. This is a step by step facilitated art program.

- April 24th-May 22nd: Just Write It 5 session Creative Writing Class w/ author Ted Murphy.
- April 28th: Veterans' SITREP [Situational Report] with Town of Falmouth Director of Veterans' Services – Jim Gouzias. Discuss today's important issues to veterans. All former service members and spouses' welcome. Discussion and Q&A.
- April 28th-May 19th: VNA Strong at Heart 4 sessions exercise program.
- April 28th: BINGO. Fun social event sponsored by the Friends of the Falmouth Senior Center.

SUSTAINABILITY

- FHS Sustainability Intern, Maggie McManamon, generated a map highlighting the Publicly available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Falmouth.

Public EV Charging Stations Falmouth, MA



ESTIA
Charger: J-1772



**PEG NOONAN PARKING LOT
(NEXT TO FALMOUTH LIBRARY)**
Charger: CCS1 & NACS



HUTKER ARCHITECTS
Charger: J-1772



FALMOUTH MARINA
Charger: J-1772



**EAST FALMOUTH HIGHWAY, END OF DAVISVILLE
(IN FRONT OF LE BON JOUR)**
Charger type: CCS1



SEAFOOD SAM'S
Charger Type: CCS1



CAPE COD WINERY
Charger type: CCS1

- **Large Building Energy Reporting (LBER):** The Town is preparing to submit calendar-year 2024 utility data—including energy use and solar production—for all municipal buildings over 20,000 square feet, as required by the new state law. This is the first year of reporting under LBER, a mandate established by the 2022 clean energy legislation (*An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind*). Submissions are due annually by June 30. More info: [MassDOER LBER Policy](#)

- Submitted the **Green Communities Competitive Grant** on April 4, following the completion of the original Designation Grant-funded projects. The proposed projects included in the Competitive Grant are outlined in the chart.

Competitive Grant Options	Address	EJC	Cost \$Estimate	Utility Incentives\$	Grant Request \$	Community Contribution
East Falmouth Fire Station- weatherization followup - sealant and extra batting in attic, thermodome	505 E Falmouth Hwy	NO	\$ 7,920	\$ (7,920)	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Dept HQ – Upgrade Honeywell Controls - ECMS (Wx already good) GC grant funding = \$59,865	399 Main St Falmouth	EJC	175,050	\$ (8,904)	\$ 59,865	\$ (106,281)
Morse Pond rooftop AHU/RTU – replace with heat pump to supplement gas heat (already has BMS) Boiler complete, Water heater is not done ECM1 + ECM 2 - weatherization (door seals and Teacher Lounge insulation)	323 Jones Rd	EJC	\$ 157,200	\$ (50,000)	\$ 107,200	\$ -
Morse Pond weatherization in Cafeteria- seal doors and add insulation to Teacher Lounge	323 Jones Rd	EJC	\$ 15,000	\$ (5,569)	\$ 9,431	\$ -
Chamber of Commerce Oil to Heat Pumps (weatherization already complete)	20 Academy Lane	NO	\$ 108,504	\$ (35,000)	\$ 73,504	\$ -
Total			\$ 455,754	\$ (99,473)	\$ 250,000	\$ (106,281)

VETERANS' SERVICES

- Community Outreach** – VSO participated in the Cape Cod Community College Veteran Resource Fair. The event was focused on VA Benefits and resources. Over 120 veterans attended the event.



- **Community Outreach** – VSO hosted Veteran Benefits information workshop at the Falmouth Community Veterans Center for the Falmouth Fire Dept. veteran staff. The workshop was also attended by Falmouth PD veteran staff representative. The workshop consisted of municipal, state, and federal benefits information as well as an interactive Q&A session.



- **Community Outreach** – Continued to conduct monthly “SITREP.” A veteran information social exclusively for Falmouth Veteran Senior Center members to provide program and benefits awareness as well as a group milieu to provide peer support and connect with current and relevant veteran issues. This month’s program included a review of the VA claims process and how to access veteran benefit information on the internet.
- **Community Outreach** – Attended the bi-monthly food distribution drives hosted by the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC) and held at the Falmouth AMVETS Post to provide program outreach.
- **Community Outreach** – Attended monthly Barnstable County Veterans Continuity of Care (CoC) meeting. A round table format designed to review homeless veteran issues and case management.

- **Community Outreach/Chapter 115 Coffee Social** – Department of Veterans' Services continued with the department's monthly chapter 115 Client Coffee Social. The intent of this activity is to issue monthly Chapter 115 benefit payments within a social environment that creates comradery and sense of belonging. The venue for this activity was hosted by the Falmouth Community Veterans Center (FCVC), allowing them to showcase their facility and expose the clients to the resources the FCVC can offer. This activity also provides an opportunity for the department to physically meet and engage with clients monthly, and to provide up to date veteran benefits information.



- **Community Outreach** – Participated in the Falmouth Community Veterans Center Veteran Coffee Social to speak about veteran benefits as well as answer veteran 's specific questions.
- **Community Outreach** – Attended "Essential Services" Homeless Service Network Meeting held in collaboration with the Falmouth Department of Human Services, Cape and Islands Housing Assistance Corp. (HAC), and Falmouth Belonging to Each Other (NGO). Case management collaboration was discussed, and professional contacts were made.
- **Professional Development** – VSO participated in Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association sponsored VSO professional development training. VA Survivor Benefit programs were reviewed, and best practices were discussed.
- **Chapter 115 Veterans Served** – 42 On-going Chapter 115 benefit recipients
- **Total Veteran Service Activities** – 256 Veteran services – inclusive of the provision of misc. information and guidance to resources, VA benefits claim processing, and Chapter 115 case management.

- **Homeless/at Risk of Homelessness Veterans Served** – The department assisted two homeless single veterans and one homeless veteran family in accessing resources.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Community Outreach** - Monthly veteran information social, called SITREP, with the Council on Aging Program Director. SITREP on May 19, 2025.
- **Community Outreach** – VSO will co-host (May 3, 2025) a “Young Veteran Listening Session” with local leaders of the Falmouth VFW, DAV, and AMVETS posts to learn about what younger veterans are looking for in veteran organizations. The intent of this event is to assist the local veteran organizations to become more in-tune to the younger veteran population to enhance their organizational recruiting efforts and maintain viable membership numbers.
- **Community Outreach** – VSO will attend Falmouth Military Support Group Coffee Hour at the Falmouth Elks Lodge to provide community interaction on May 10, 2025.
- **Community Outreach** – VSO will participate in Barnstable County Continuity of Care (CoC) meeting on May 22, 2025.
- **Community Outreach** – VSO will attend bi-monthly food distribution drives hosted by the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC) and held at the Falmouth AMVETS Post to provide program outreach.