



TO: Select Board and Town Staff
FROM: Mike Renshaw *MR*
SUBJECT: Monthly Department Activity Update, January 2026
DATE: February 10, 2026

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Town Offices closed in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 16
- Select Board regular meeting, Monday, February 23, 6:30 PM at Senior Center
- Select Board regular meeting, Monday, March 9, 6:30 PM at Senior Center
- Select Board regular meeting, Monday, March 23, 6:30 PM at Senior Center

ACCOUNTING

- Processed 2,429 Vendor Payments totaling \$14,132,258.45 for the month of December.
- Town and School payroll totaled \$7,404,037.43 for the month of December.
- Submitted Tax Recap to DOR
- Verified Cash Receipts with Treasurer
- Processed Public Records Request
- Attended Retirement Board Meeting
- Sent out Monthly Reports to Departments and Committees
- Processed 7 Manual Journal Entries
- Attended Budget Meeting
- MUNIS Chart of Accounts - ongoing

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming meetings:

- Historical Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Feb. 3, Town Hall
- Conservation Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Feb. 4, Zoom
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 6:00 p.m. Feb. 5, Town Hall
- Joint Board of Health/Select Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9, Town Hall
- Planning Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10, Town Hall
- Conservation Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Feb. 11, Zoom
- Community Preservation Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19, School Admin
- Conservation Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Feb. 18, Zoom
- Planning Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24, Town Hall
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 6:00 p.m. Feb. 26, Town Hall

Building Division

Inspectional Services

- 389 applications received and reviewed, building permits were issued including 2 new residential dwellings, 4 accessory structures, 0 demo and rebuild and 0 new commercial buildings.
- 629 inspections were performed. Inspections included foundations, footings, plumbing, gas, electrical, frame, insulation, final and yearly CI inspections.
- 2,096 permits cleaned and uploaded to Permiteyes.
- \$84,345.17 in fees collected including cash, check, online payments, waived, rejected payments, and refunds.

Zoning Enforcement

- 4 complaints were investigated. 10 violations from inspections investigated.
- 1 non-conforming package was researched.
- 46 calls responding to zoning issues.
- 4 enforcement letters certified.

- 17 fines issued totaling \$19,400.
- 3 ZBA referrals reviewed, and comments provided.
- 2 Planning Board referrals reviewed, and comments provided.
- 30 scheduled review meetings with Building Commissioner and Assistant Zoning Compliance Agent.
- 28 impromptu meetings with people who drop in with questions.

Conservation Division

Land Management

- The Conservation Department is pleased to welcome our new Land Manager Henry Torpey. Henry is a 2022 graduate of Endicott College’s Environmental Sciences Program. Henry spent three (3) with Americorp of Cape Cod; one as a member and two in a supervisory role.

Regulatory Work

- The Commission held 3 hearings in January. The staff reviewed and processed 17 permit applications which included six (6) Notice of Intents (NOI), 10 Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), and one (1) 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 1 requests for a Certificate of Compliance and 3 requests for Administrative Review (approval) in January. Conservation staff issued 5 approved orders of conditions (decisions). The department collected \$7,487.00 in fees.
- 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 85 building and express permits between December 27th - January 31st.

Health Division

- Inspections:

○ Title 5/ septic related	44
○ Food Safety	37
○ Housing/Nuisance	21
○ Pools	3
○ Other	7
○ Total	112

- Applications – This month a total of 212 applications were received, and 512 applications were processed. Completed the calendar-year annual permit renewal season for food, tobacco, septage haulers, septic installers among other types. The total number of Health permits, Title 5 inspections and licenses issued in 2025 was 3,115.
- Reviewed approximately 37 building permit and provided 2 ZBA referrals.
- Health, Comm Dev worked with the Short-Term Rental Bylaw Committee on their creation of a Short-Term Rental Bylaw currently being reviewed by the Selectboard.
- Worked with SMART Citizens Task Force on a grant to obtain Purple Air Monitors for the group to install in Woods Hole for air monitoring data. The group is working to install and monitor them in accordance with the grant approval.

Planning Division

Community Preservation

- The CPC voted to approve updates for the FY2027 CP Fund application.
- On January 29, the CP Fund Administrator officially posted the FY2027 CP Fund Application Announcement.
- Work continued on the oversight of currently funded projects.

Geographic Information Services (GIS)

Ongoing Operations and Maintenance

- User Support and Training: Provided daily, weekly, and monthly step-by-step guidance to public and town staff on utilizing the Public Interactive GIS interface. Support included instruction on map creation, data saving procedures, and submitting feedback/issues directly to Sanborn (the platform vendor).
- Public Interactive GIS Maintenance: Updated and maintained the Town of Falmouth's specific themes within the Public Interactive GIS platform as data changes occurred.
- External Theme Monitoring: Monitored state and federal GIS themes, coordinating immediately with Sanborn when discrepancies were identified.

- Database Management & Restoration: Continued comprehensive restoration and cleanup of the central GIS database, focusing specifically on filling missing components and ensuring metadata completeness for all entries.
- Infrastructure Data Entry: Performed daily/weekly/monthly input of data submitted by Public Works (PW) crews into the Water and Sewer Databases (e.g., nodes, accounts, mains, pipes).
- Emergency System Updates: Maintained sole responsibility for biweekly (or more frequent, as needed) updates to the Rapid SOS geodatabase for 911 system themes/layers, as well as the MARK43 system layers for Police, Fire, EMS, and Dispatch.
- Engaged in various Cape-wide projects in coordination with the Cape Cod Commission (CCC).
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Represented the GIS department of Falmouth at the GIS State Agency meetings in Boston.

Data Analysis and Specific Requests

- New England GIS Group: I was the presenter of the Property Analytical Innovation "Repurpose/Reimagine" tool that utilizes 3D modeling and AI to analyze potential development for underutilized or abandoned properties.
- Fire Department Operations Support: Produced and delivered a specialized map book for field operations and training. The document features street segments with verified address ranges (start/end numbers) to improve on-the-scene navigation.
- Dispatch Accuracy Optimization: Geocoded all current town addresses to their respective Fire District Zones, enhancing the precision of emergency response routing and 911 dispatch protocols.
- 911 Access Improvement: Collaborated on an Engineering request to formalize a private driveway as a recognized roadway, ensuring residents receive reliable emergency service identification.
- Spring Town Meeting Support: Developed specialized mapping for the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager Office to facilitate the transfer of care and custodianship of Town Properties to the Conservation Commission.
- Environmental Data Integrity: Updated the Ponds and Wetlands 2005 and Resource Buffers layers at the request of the Conservation Department. Following a site assessment that confirmed the absence of a previously mapped pond/wetland, I removed the feature and its associated 100' and 200' resource buffers to ensure regulatory mapping reflects current field conditions.

- Wetland Inventory Maintenance: Executed data corrections on the town's hydrography layers by removing an obsolete wetland feature and its corresponding regulatory buffer zones. This update aligns the GIS database with recent physical site assessments, providing more accurate data for Conservation Department project reviews.

Housing

Local Initiative Program ("LIP") Applications

- There are no pending applications

Town-Owned Land Disposition

- The deadline for submissions in response to the RFPs was January 13, 2026, for the 20 Brigantine Dr and 21 Pheasant Ln sites. Staff opened the bid proposals that were received and reviewed them through an RFP Review Committee created by the Town Manager. They have recommended a proposal for each site to the Town Manager. This will go before the Select Board on February 9, 2026. The deadline for the 0 Locustfield Dr and 0 West Falmouth Hwy sites is February 10, 2026.

Falmouth Affordable Housing Fund (FAHF)

- Current FAHF applications
 - 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 went before the CPC on June 12, 2025 and received a positive recommendation. Applicant went before the Select Board, as Trustees of the FAHF on December 15, 2025. Request for funding was approved.
 - 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), two (2) 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 went before the CPC on June 12, 2025 and received a positive recommendation. Applicant went before the Select Board, as Trustees of the FAHF on November 3, 2025. Request for funding was approved.

- 545 Main Street, Michael Galasso: Applicant is requesting \$3,400,000 for the acquisition of 545 Main Street. The project is the redevelopment of a former nursing home into 67 rental units. Of those 67, 34 will be year round, deed restricted units at 80% AMI and the remaining 37 units will be seasonal, market rate (140% AMI) units. Applicant met with FAHF Working Group on July 30, 2025, and August 27, 2025. Applicant also went before the CPC on September 11, 2025 and before the Select Board on September 26, 2025. The Select Board, as Trustees of the FAHF approved the application allocating \$2,100,000 for acquisition and \$1,300,000 for construction.
- 805 Gifford Street Ext., Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod: Applicant is requesting \$100,000 in supplemental funding. The project includes four (4) affordable deed restricted homes for homeownership. Applicant met with FAHF Working Group on August 27, 2025, CPC on September 11, 2025, and before the Select Board on September 29, 2025. The Select Board, as Trustees of the FAHF approved the request for funding.
- 439 Pinecrest Beach Drive, Falmouth Housing Trust: Applicant is requesting \$175,000 for acquisition of 439 Pinecrest Beach Drive. Applicant is purchasing a market rate single-family home to convert to an affordable deed restricted home at 120% AMI upon resale. Applicant met with the FAHF Working Group on September 24, 2025 and the CPC on October 9, 2025. Applicant went before the Select Board on October 27, 2025. Funding was approved.
- 28 Cross Road, Falmouth Housing Trust: Applicant is requesting \$175,000 for acquisition of 28 Cross Road. Applicant is purchasing a market rate single-family home to convert to an affordable deed restricted home at 140% AMI upon resale. Applicant met with the FAHF Working Group on December 17, 2025, and the CPC on January 8, 2026. Applicant went before the Select Board on January 28, 2026. Funding was approved.
- Staff is preparing financial award documents for several projects recently approved by the Select Board.
- As part of the Housing Partnership Group (“HPG”), the Housing Coordinator (“HC”) is working on presenting an educational housing forum. The goal of the HPG is to host 2 a year as part of the goals and strategies of the 2024 Housing Production Plan.
- HC attended the January 8th 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.

Planning

Special Projects/Initiatives

- Office Relocation: Staff successfully completed the first phase of a multi-staff relocation project. The Housing Coordinator is now in a new office in the Old Water Meeting Room and the Planning staff has traded places with the Sustainability Coordinator and CP Fund Administrator.
- Permittees Administration: Staff continued administrative oversight of the Conservation and ZBA modules launch. The ZBA module officially launched on January 12th.
- Document Scanning Project: Staff started the application process for a \$200K application to the Community Compact IT Grant program. If awarded, records from Accounting, Assessor’s, Human Resources, Planning, and Veteran’s will be scanned by an outside firm at no charge to the town.
- CPC Projects Procurement: Staff continued to develop procurement documents for the following CPC projects:
 - Edward Marks/Poor House Exterior Improvements Project
 - North Falmouth Village Association Junction Exterior Improvements Project
 - All-Inclusive Play Space Project
 - Lawrence Academy Exterior Improvements Project

Meetings

- On January 23rd, staff met with representatives from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Falmouth Village Associations to discuss the potential of more car-free events on Main Street.

Regulatory Work

- The Planning Board received three (3) applications in January – one (1) for a Definitive Subdivision Plan and two (2) for Site Plan Review.

- The Historical Commission received six (6) applications in December – one (1) for Demolition Delay, three (3) were for Determinations of Non-Applicability and two (2) were for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Zoning Board of Appeals Division

Regulatory Work

- New Applications: 5
- Filed with Town Clerk:
 - Decisions: 4
 - Administrative Approvals: 4
 - Amendments: 3

Comprehensive Permits

- 375 Sandwich Rd: 300 rental apartments
 - Obtained the Stormwater Management Permit and the Street Opening Permit from the Engineering Division
 - Obtained approval for a reduction in footprint of buildings (same units/bedrooms)
- 19 North Falmouth Hwy: 20 single-family homes
 - Decision granted; appealed. Awaiting a HAC ruling
- 85 Brick Kiln Rd: 40 rental apartments
 - Developer has requested to add an office within garage on the Premises; ZBA denied request at their January 29, 2026 hearing

- 419 Waquoit Hwy: 5 single-family homes
 - Constructed; occupancy January 2026
- 805 Gifford St Ext: 4 single-family homes
 - Decision granted
- 809 Sandwich Rd: 36 rental apartments
 - Hearing is “stayed” pending HAC Decision on Safe Harbor
- 0 Sandwich Rd: 50 single-family homes
 - Hearing is “stayed” pending HAC Decision on Safe Harbor
- 48 Benjamin Nyes Ln: 14 single-family homes
 - Collaboration with The 300 Committee; conserving 48 acres
 - Hearing continued to March 12, 2026
 - Developer to extend water main; Town may continue main to loop
- “0” Broken Bow: 12 homeownership units (6 duplex buildings)
 - Hearing opened on January 15, 2026
 - ZBA has asserted “safe harbor”; Applicant has appealed to HAC
- “0” Percival Rd: 12 single-family homes
 - HAC appeal successfully mediated with Town. Appeal by abutters is also settled.
 - Board has approved insignificant changes to landscaping and water lines in accordance with the agreement reached with abutters.

Other

- Participation in weekly land use permitting group to review current projects/development concerns or issues, proposed By-Law revisions.
 - Discussion on definition of lot coverage by structure/ZBA to enforce inclusion of steps and landing
- Permiteyes on-line permitting module launched January 12, 2026 for applicants to be able to file applications electronically with the Town.

- ZBA now has a window at the office for public access from the hallway.
- Town appeal of Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Decision regarding Falmouth’s assertion of “Safe Harbor” following affordable housing progress (permits issued) plus attainment of 10% affordable housing continues.
- Continuing project to prepare old zoning files for scanning project, creating a fully accessible and inclusive database.

TOWN COUNSEL

Law Department

- Argued Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings Sahagian v. Conservation Commission.
- Responded to Open Meeting Law complaints filed against the School Committee.
- Drafted articles for Town Meeting including amendments to bylaws: False Alarms (Fire Rescue), Hawkers and Peddlers (Police), Water Discharge in Public Ways (DPW).
- Conducted Conflict of Interest Training for Cultural Council and Open Meeting Law training for Commission on Substance Abuse.
- Provided advice and counsel to the Planning Board concerning site plan review for the proposed large scale ground mounted solar array.
- Secured code compliance in bylaw violation matters: second hand dealer, obstruction of driveway.

Upcoming events:

- Finalize the warrant for April Town Meeting
- Submit brief to Appeals Court for Sheehy v. Conservation Commission
- Provide post-hearing memoranda to District Court for German v. FPD
- Ongoing training opportunities

HUMAN RESOURCES

Retirements – Congratulations to:

- **Fire Chief Tim Smith**, who retired on January 23, 2026 after more than 38 years of dedicated service; and
- **Fire Prevention Inspector Boyd DeMello**, who also retired on January 23, 2026 after more than 38 years of dedicated service; and
- **Detective Ron Carpenter**, who retired on January 30, 2026 after 27 years of dedicated service.

Recruitment

We are very pleased to welcome our new year-round employees:

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Bohdan Bukhenik	Police Department	Police Officer	01/12/2026
Lissa Magauran	Town Clerk's Office	Assistant Town Clerk	01/12/2026
Henry Torpey	Community Development – Conservation Division	Conservation Land Manager	01/26/2026
Travis Ouellette	IT Department	IT Support Specialist I	02/04/2026

Active Recruitments

We are currently in various stages of the recruitment process for the following positions:

- Administrative Clerk to the Building Division
- Assistant Assessor
- Assistant Zoning Compliance Agent
- Communications Officers
- Custodian
- Fire Chief
- Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics
- IT Support Specialist II
- Police Community Service Representatives (Entry Level Civilian Foot Patrol)
- Property Data Collector

Employment opportunities that are currently accepting applications can be found [here](#).

Other Human Resources Activity

- We assisted with planning the ICE & Immigration: A Community Conversation event
- We are very appreciative of the DPW and Community Development team members who planned, built, and assisted with our office relocation. Thank you very much for all of your hard work and efforts!
- The Human Resources Department 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, 2027.
- We assisted and are actively assisting departments and divisions with personnel issues/concerns and labor relations matters.

HUMAN SERVICES

Monthly Statistics:	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
Residents served in clinical counseling/case management	88	91	73
Residents served in clinical group counseling	36	43	38
Units of clinical service	353	334	325
Info and referral calls/consultations/outreach	114	91	61
Total bilingual units of service	37	30	16
Total units of service	467	425	386

January Activities

- Provided weekly support groups at the Senior Center: *Women's Support Group and LGBTQIA Senior Drop-in Group*.
- Provided weekly support groups for residents of the Belonging to Each Other men's transitional winter housing program - facilitated by staff social worker, Mark Abbott.
- Received 3 hoarding outreach referrals from Falmouth Fire Department and initiated outreach and engagement with those households.
- Hosted 2 days of MA Health Navigation services and 1 day of immigration legal assistance from Community Action of Cape Cod.

- Hosted two Essential Services Network (ESN) meetings for ongoing multi-agency collaboration serving Falmouth’s unhoused residents. And one ESN Steering Committee meeting.
- Hosted Alzheimer’s Family Support Center for a day of cognitive health screenings.
- Attended planning and coordination meeting for the 2026 Point in Time Count. A yearly survey of unsheltered individuals and families to inform homeless programming and service delivery.
- Outreach and engagement at “Around the Table” lunch at St. Barnabas lunch.
- Attended Falmouth Police Department Co-Response team meeting.
- Hosted Anastasia Welsh Perrino Esq., Register of Barnstable Probate and Family Court and Sara Long Esq., First Assistant Register at a ESN meeting to learn about the processes involved in Guardianship and Conservatorship applications.
- Participated in planning meetings for the Immigration and Ice: A Community Conversation event.
- Attended a diversity, equity, and inclusion training with Town Management Team.
- Provided drop-in support to residents at the Human Services monthly drop-in hour at the Falmouth Library main branch, which takes place the first Tuesday of the Month 2:30-4:00pm, in the Reference area, main floor with private meeting space available.
- Hosted a Human Services Department outreach table at the Senior Center.
- Convened the Falmouth Celebrates Pride 2026 planning committee.
- Attended the Falmouth Commission on Substance Use January meeting.
- Attended monthly Senior Municipal Services Team meeting.

- Attended the Cape Cod and the Islands Regional Network on Homelessness Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended Quarterly meeting of the Barnstable County Human Services Advisory Council.
- Attended Children’s Behavioral Health Working Group meeting.
- Presented the Human Services FY27 budget to the Finance Committee.
- Received 2 technical advising sessions with MOSAIC, the Massachusetts Opioid Recovery Partnership which provides training and technical assistance to municipalities across the commonwealth that are receiving opioid abatement funds.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

System & Network Health:

- Uptime: 99.75% uptime across critical systems.
- Unplanned Outages: None for December.

Security Status:

- **Access Controls:** Healthy, with regular reviews of user permissions and elevated access requests.
- **Anti-Malware:** No active malware detected on the network.
- **Endpoint Security:** No active infections detected
- **Firewall Activity:** No unusual traffic patterns detected.
- **Vulnerability Scans:** Recent scan performed, remediation IP. IT continues to refine our vulnerability management strategy to proactively identify and mitigate potential security risks.

IT Service Desk Analytics

2026	Created	Resolved	Unresolved
Jan	620	538	439

Website Analytics

www.falmouthma.gov

- Pages - 1651
- Docs - 3349

Pages w/o Visits – 443

Total Visits – 45,447

- Pageviews – 106,217
- Average visit time - 0:02:06

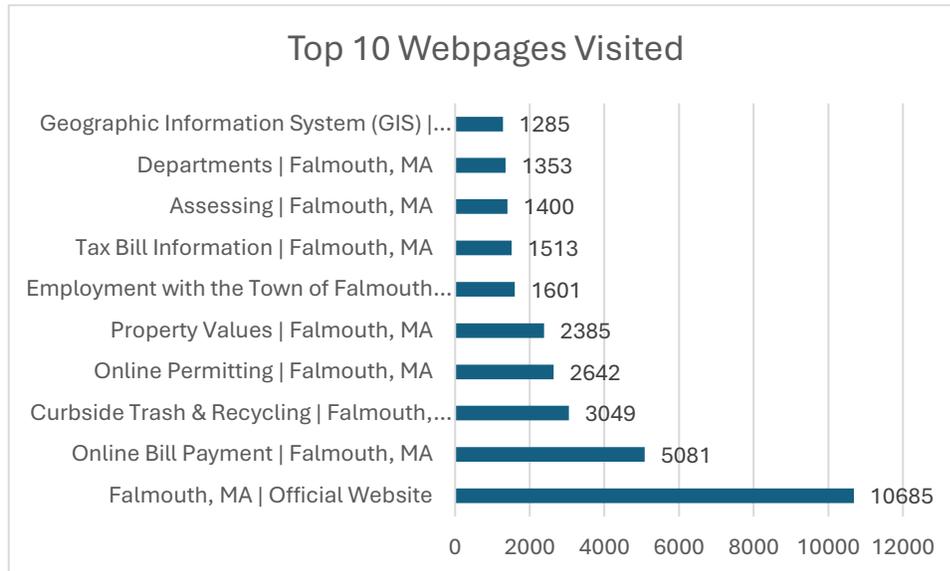
Broken Links - 512

- Pages Affected - 122
- Documents Affected - 131

Website Health:

- Uptime: 99.86% uptime
- Average response time 912 ms
- Unplanned Outages: (15) ranging from 1 to 24 minutes in length

- **Traffic sources**
- Search Engines – 25,324 (55.85%)
- Direct visits – 18,628 (41.09%)



Email Protection

Threats Blocked	Emails Evaluated	Emails Archived
8,214	104,000	86,787

Top Five Threat Types

<u>Spam</u>	<u>Domain Impersonations</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Phishing</u>
6,494	1,444	81	125

Data Protection

- Gigabytes backed up 32.096

Cybersecurity Platform Health

Town Hall - Entities Protected 225 Windows 21 Servers

- Analyzed 47,405,332 events from 231 entities on our network.
- Of those events, 21 signals were detected through both automated and human analysis. Information Technology manually investigated 1 suspicious signal.
- Those investigations led to 1 incident report, which required Information Technology to remediate compromised entities.

This defense strategy continues to reduce our risk, thereby maximizing our security and minimizing the impact of cyberattacks on the Town of Falmouth.

Fire - Entities Protected 52 Windows 2 Servers

- Analyzed 56,251,542 events from 52 entities on the network.
- Of those events, 6 signals were detected through both automated and human analysis.
- Information Technology manually investigated 1 suspicious signal. Those investigations led to 1 incident report, which required remediation of compromised entities by Information Technology.

This defense strategy continues to reduce our risk, thereby maximizing our security and minimizing the impact of cyberattacks on the Town of Falmouth.

Police - Entities Protected 79 Windows 9 servers

- Analyzed 71,158,420 events from 79 entities on the network.
- Of those events, there were 37 signals detected through automated and human analysis.
- Security analysts manually investigated 0 signals that were suspicious in nature. That investigation led to 0 incident reports, which required remediation of compromised entities by Information Technology.

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Town, Fire & Police Departments

- **Access Control Review** - Check access control lists (ACLs) to ensure proper user permissions and network segmentation.
- **Disk Usage Analysis** - Monitor disk space on servers and network storage devices to prevent potential storage issues.
- **Documentation Update** - Keep network documentation up to date with changes made to hardware, software, and configurations.
- **Hardware Inspection** - Visually inspect network devices for signs of damage, overheating, or malfunction.
- **Network Monitoring** - Monitor key network metrics like bandwidth usage, packet loss, and device status to identify potential issues proactively.
- **Performance Optimization** - Analyze network traffic patterns and optimize bandwidth usage to improve network performance.
- **Preemptive network repairs** - Using auto-generated reports and analytics to spot and patch usage problems across the IT network before they turn existential.
- **Security Audits** - Conduct regular security checks to identify vulnerabilities and potential threats on the network.
- **Software and Firmware Updates** - Regularly apply security patches and updates to operating systems, network devices, and applications on your network.
- **Troubleshooting** - Address any reported network issues and perform troubleshooting steps to resolve problems.

MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Harbormaster Division

- FY2026 Seaport Economic Grant Awarded for Marina Expansion Project \$160,000
- Woods Hole passage camera on site planning meeting with IT

- Meeting with Woods Hole Group for new ER channel, Megansett Approach
- DEI Training at the Library
- Mooring Regulations Sub-Committee meeting
- Dredging Sub-Committee meeting
- FY27 Budget Hearing – FinCom, Fincom Representative MES meeting
- Contract awarded for Great Harbor Boat Ramp
- CIHMA Association meeting
- Installed new gangway and built new platform for the town dock in Little Harbor
- On site meeting, Eel Pond platform and access ramp



New step and ramp at Little Harbor Woods Hole

Natural Resource Division

- Meeting with Coastal Resiliency Coordinator – WQ Dredging
- MPTC Training on new hunting/firearms refresher laws for 2026.
- Attended the LEPC Meeting
- Attended the Southern Pine Beetle Meeting
- Continued survey work on Wood Duck boxes
- Responded to call about illegal forest cutting on town property
- Surveyed town water quality dredge spots and helped prioritize needs

Shellfish Division

- Hosted four Barnstable County Inmates to assist with overwintering 1st year oysters
- Hosted 25 AmeriCorps Volunteers to assist with overwintering 1st year oysters
- Attended the bid opening for new shellfish boat contract
- New Massachusetts Maritime Marine Environmental student intern started
- Continuing off season gear repair and maintenance
- Seed order of 426,000 small quahogs was submitted for the 2026 shellfish growing season with expected delivery in June 2026.

Animal Control Division

- 6 Dogs impounded and returned to owners.
- 20+ Wildlife calls responded to service and evaluation.
- 10 Pets placed under and released from quarantine per Massachusetts General Law for bite related incidents.
- 2 Feral cats trapped, spayed and neutered to be released.
- 2 Stray cats trapped and adopted out.
- 2 Citations issued for failure to follow town bylaws.
- 3 Injured wild animals caught and transported to Cape Wildlife Center for further evaluation.
- Daily beach patrols conducted for off-leash dogs on Falmouth town beaches.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Specialized Services Division Monthly Update

General Detectives

- Four new cases
- Working existing cases
- Assist the Patrol Division with questions regarding cases they are working on as well as assisting with two unattended death investigations.

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

- Five new investigations

Narcotics

- Street level narcotics activity being investigated

Schools

- SRO's handled five incidents and investigations

Staff Clinicians

- Individuals / Households served: 49
 - Each individual person served creates approximately 3-10 collateral contact / follow up calls (Families, schools, providers, etc.)
- Patrol co-response calls: 32
 - Calls addressed during routine co-response hours (911 calls, dispatch requests, in-person follow-ups, etc.) and officer referrals for outreach / support
- Station walk-in requests / incoming calls / Officer referrals: 17
 - Community requests or referrals to speak to a Clinician
- Section 12 commitments: 7
 - Petitions for mental health evaluations at Falmouth Hospital under Section 12
- Mandated reports:
- Jail / Hospital Diversion: 8
- Area checks: 49
- Meetings / Networking
 - Essential Services Network
 - Essential Services Network Steering Committee
 - Barnstable CIT
 - Samaritans Loss Team informational meeting

Operations Division Update

Patrol Statistics

- Motor Vehicle Stops- 265
- Parking Violations- 73
- Welfare Checks- 81
- MV Crash- 44
- Loud Music/ Party- 19
- Suspicious Person/Motor Vehicle- 57
- Erratic Motor Vehicle- 10
- Disturbance- 27

- Larceny- 15
- Domestic Disturbance- 25
- Assault- 2
- Intoxicated Person- 4
- Overdose- 2
- Suicide Attempt/Threat- 11
- Section 12 (Mental Health Committal)- 7
- B&E- 3
- Section 35 (Substance Use Committal)- 1

Major Incidents & Arrest Highlights

OUIs and Crashes

- **Dec 18** – Officers arrested an intoxicated operator following an attempted hit-and-run crash on Main Street involving a commercial vehicle.
- **Dec 19** – A vehicle left the roadway on Waquoit Highway and struck a utility pole; the operator was transported to Falmouth Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
- **Dec 26** – Two-car head-on crash on Teaticket Highway after an apparent medical emergency; one operator was transported and both vehicles were towed.
- **Dec 31** – Two-car crash at Brick Kiln Road and Homestead Lane; one operator was cited for failure to use care while turning.
- **Jan 4** – Three-car crash at Route 151 and Sandwich Road resulted in two transports to Falmouth Hospital and citations issued to the at-fault operator.
- **Jan 8–9** – Multiple two-car crashes across North Falmouth Highway and Worcester Court resulted in roadway shutdowns, traffic diversions, and vehicle tows.
- **Jan 11** – Rear-end crash at Gifford Street and Pine Valley Drive led to multiple hospital transports and vehicle tows.
- **Jan 13** – Vehicle vs. moped crash at Woods Hole Road and Katy Hatch’s Road resulted in the operator being med-lifted off-Cape with serious injuries; an FPD crash reconstruction officer responded.

Felony Investigations and Charges

- **Dec 18** – Officers arrested a suspect for OUI-Liquor and Leaving the Scene of Property Damage following a crash investigation; additional charges were filed for refusing a court-ordered DNA sample.
- **Dec 26** – Narcotics were seized following a motor vehicle stop on East Falmouth Highway; the operator was arrested for possession of crack cocaine.

- **Dec 31** – Officers arrested a suspect at a local bank attempting to withdraw nearly \$20,000 using fraudulent identification; crack cocaine was also seized.
- **Jan 6** – A motor vehicle stop on Gifford Street resulted in an arrest on outstanding warrants and additional charges after officers located illegal pills and a dangerous weapon.
- **Jan 10** – Officers arrested an operator for a suspended license; a controlled substance was located during a pre-tow inventory, resulting in additional drug charges.
- **Jan 12** – Detectives executed a search warrant on Waquoit Highway following a warrant arrest, leading to the safe apprehension of a wanted individual.
- **Jan 13** – Officers located and recovered stolen motor vehicles out of Dennis and Barnstable as part of ongoing investigations with partner agencies.

Disorderly and Quality of Life Calls

- **Dec 18–21** – Officers responded to multiple disturbances involving neighbor disputes, hotel removals, and disorderly behavior at local businesses.
- **Dec 25** – Officers responded to a report of discriminatory comments made toward staff at a local restaurant; the suspect had left prior to arrival.
- **Jan 4–5** – Officers assisted businesses downtown and on West Falmouth Highway with removing disorderly individuals and issuing no-trespass notices.
- **Jan 9–11** – Multiple calls for disorderly behavior at hotels, medical facilities, and private residences were de-escalated without further incident.
- **Jan 12** – Officers responded to an assault involving a delivery driver and a resident; the investigation resulted in multiple criminal charges being sought.

Social Media Team

- In the past 28 days the FPD Facebook page had 929,000 views and gained
 - another 220 followers. This brings our total followers to 33,957.
- We continue to work on expanding our Instagram reach.

Community Engagement Team

- December 16th- Sergeant D. Massi spent time with veterans at the Falmouth Community Veteran’s Center.
- December 19th- multiple officers participated in high five Friday at East Falmouth Elementary School and North Falmouth Elementary School.
- December 21st- all of evening shift attended a Hanukkah Celebration at the Village Green.
- December 22nd- Sergeant D. Massi participated in a planning meeting for

an upcoming event at the Falmouth Community Veteran's Center.

- December 23rd- multiple officers participated in a holiday high fives event (high five Tuesday) at Mullen Hall School and Teaticket Elementary School.
- FPD continues to collect food for the Service Center in the lobby of the Police Station.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

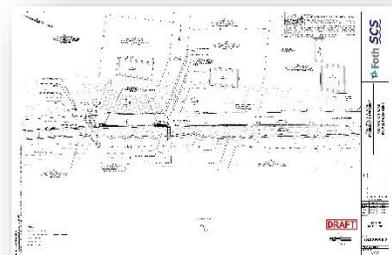
Administration

- The Department is continually improving our VueWorks workorder system. The monthly work order total for Highways, Parks, and Water is #670 with #574 completed as of December 30th.

- The Department has launched a Falmouth Public Works Facebook social media page. Each of the Department's 10 divisions post notifications on this page.
- The Department has been very busy with snow & ice events since the beginning of the year. All Divisions are in full maintenance mode. The Department's ten 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

- Surf Drive Drainage.
Eversource is working in the parking lot, pulling their cables through the underwater conduit. Completion of their work is expected mid-February. Final drainage tie in will occur in March.
- Main and Scranton Intersection Improvements:
We continue to press Eversource to move their wires. Future work is delayed until Eversource completes their work.
- John Neill Fields:
The Field design is approaching 90% completion. A new septic system for the snack bar is under design for submittal to the Board of Health.
- Chapoquoit Road:
Over 20 contractors have requested bid documents for the stabilization of Chapoquoit Road. The bid opening is scheduled for January 23, 2026.



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

Coastal Resilience

EEA MVP Action Grant (Water Main Resilience Designs)

- Working w/Water Division to submit application for FY27 funding for water main resilience adaptation designs

EEA CZM Coastal Resilience (Coastal Resilience Plan)

- Preparation for FY27 CZM grant submittal for town wide, comprehensive coastal resilience plan

Eco One Stop

- Call w/EEA staff in early January to receive feedback on preliminary proposals

MVP 2.0

- Waiting on response from the state regarding MVP 2.0 submission. Expected late-January 2026

Red Brook Road Culvert & Restoration

- Property purchase negotiations are ongoing
- Project is in permitting phase w/ACOE review

Oyster Pond Culvert & Restoration

- Project team engaged in trying to reach property owners and DOT for permissions

Beach Management Plan

- Draft plan released by Urban Harbors
- Scheduling public meeting for comment on draft

Martin Road NRCS Project

- Grant reporting
- POC change
- Finalize scope w/vendor

MBL St Sea Wall

- Existing conditions plans underway

Dredging

- Working w/MES & DPW to secure lease of long-reach excavator from Plymouth County for work at inlet channels

Stone Living Lab

- Proposal to install flood sensor that would measure storm surge effects on Surf Drive with data to be publicly available on town website.

Meetings

- MEMA Feasibility Study for a Voluntary Flood Buyout and Elevation Program

Recycling – Solid Waste

- DPW collaborated with Solid Waste Advisory Committee to host the Town’s first recycling event of the new year on Saturday, January 17. This event collected Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) commonly known by the brand name “Styrofoam”.
- More than two hundred residents participated in a three-hour span: dropping off a variety of foam products including prescription medicine packaging, frozen food shipping containers, television and appliance packaging, as well as many smaller foam products.
- The materials will be hauled to Insulation Technology Inc. in Bridgewater when DPW Highway Department staff and vehicles are available.
- Although EPS is not on the State’s waste ban, it is advantageous to keep this very bulky material out of the landfill to save space for materials that cannot be recycled.



- DPW staff (Cavon Green and Mary Ryther) worked with several volunteers from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- **Upcoming Winter-Spring Recycling Events:**
 - February 21: Fix-It Clinic, St. Barnabas's Church
 - April 11-12: Clothing & Textile Collection, 780 Main Street,
 - May 2: EPS/Styrofoam Collection at 416 Gifford Street, 9am -12pm

Highways / Waste Management Facility / Beach Maintenance

- Crews Officially continue with Winter Snow and Ice Operations. With a total of 7 Events starting on December 14th through our most recent on January 18th. Highway personnel have been busy and are presently preparing for the possibility of over a foot of snow for the coming weekend.
- Catch Basin cleaning continues as weather permits.
- Highway Crews have been patching various potholes throughout town
- Highway crews have installed additional drainage structures on John Parker Road and Carraige Shop Road.
- Roadside Brushing Crews completed trimming back roadside brush along Sandwich Road between Ashumet Road and Rt. 151.
- Roadside litter continues to be collected throughout the community, focusing on main roads and collectors.





Parks

- Village Green flagpole replaced from temporary pole to new permanent double masted pole.
- Crews continued to remove chain link fencing at Falmouth Youth Baseball fields.
- Forestry staff made clearance cuts to the Town trees on Main Street that were close to buildings.
- Staff continue cleaning leaves on Town maintained parcels and cemeteries.
- Parks assisted in cleanup of snow and ice events.
- Forestry crews continue removing decayed trees at Mill Road Cemetery.
- Crews removed Holiday decorations along Main Street and Village Green and Peg Noonan.
- Parks stripped infield stone dust at Lawrence School for Falmouth Youth Baseball.
- Forestry crews removed several pitch pine trees infected with Southern Pine Beetle in a Town owned parcel off Nancy Ave in East Falmouth.
- Staff attended Massachusetts Tree Wardens 2-day convention in Sturbridge, MA.

- During days of inclement weather maintenance is performed on all warm weather equipment.
- KPI Playground inspections 1 out of 22 playgrounds

Water

- CC Construction has completed the water main installation project on Sandwich Rd. The road will be milled and overlaid during the Spring of 2026.
- CC Construction has since relocated to our other capital improvement project in Woods Hole on Leslie St, Hilton Ave, Sumner St and James St.
 - Progress as of 1-20-2026 include:
 - Installation of approximately 100 linear feet of 8” ductile iron water main
 - Installation of approximately 450 linear feet of 6” ductile iron water main
 - Installation of 4 new 5' ¼' barrel fire hydrants
 - This project is anticipated to take 60 business days to complete.



- As of 26-1-20 the Falmouth Water Department has approved 187 Permit Eyes sign offs for water related issues and 85 site plan reviews with the Falmouth Zoning Board of Appeals and The Planning Department in FY 2026.
- Fall 2025 Water and Sewer bills were due December 1st, 2025.
 - A demand fee of \$10.00 will be applied to all late bills and interest will be applied until paid in full.
 - The demand bills have been processed with our printing and mailing company with a due date of February 6th, 2026.

- A conceptual design will begin in 2026 for The Ashumet Well that has been off-line since the 1980's. This is the first step to achieve "New Source Approval" with MADEP. All contracts have been signed with JBCC to proceed.
- In collaboration with: The Falmouth Wastewater Department, Wastewater Superintendent Amy Lowell, and their department's third-party engineering firm GHD; The Wastewater Capital Improvement Project BID opening took place 12-4-25.
 - Included with this BID opening: 2 alternate items for the water main installation along Brick Kiln Rd from Gifford St to Service Road.
 - The lowest bidder for these water main alternate items did not exceed our capital budget request from Fall Town Meeting in November of 2025. We will proceed to award these alternate items with the wastewater capital improvement project.
- The Falmouth Water Department's Crooked Pond Water Treatment Facility's air stripping tower media replacement and carbon media replacement projects are delayed.
 - Currently Crooked Pond Treatment Facility is off-line while repairs take place.
 - Upon removing the media, multiple unforeseen repairs will be required prior to replacing the media in these units.
 - A FINCOM reserve request of \$250,000.00 has been requested to complete these repairs and restore the facility.
- The Gansett Road water main has been advertised with a bid opening date of January 29th, 2026 at 2:00pm.
- New England Backflow continues to perform backflow surveys in all commercial buildings from January 2026 to May 2026.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Construction Project:
 - Installed new windows, doors and drywall in the Operations Building.
 - Installed second of two new gravity belt thickeners, as well as coiling doors and walkway in the Sludge Processing Building.
 - Installed piping to connect the Influent Equalization Tank to the Influent Wet Well (photo on left below).
 - Installed covers on new Influent Equalization Tank.
 - Continued HVAC/ductwork installation in Operations Building and Sludge Processing Building.
 - Continued electrical terminations throughout the site (photo on right below).
 - Project is approximately 79% complete. Construction substantial completion is still forecast for April 2026, and final completion for June 2026.
 - Through Change Order #6, 57% of the contingency available under the SRF loan has been used. The project is expected to be completed within budget.



▪ Great Pond Phase 1 Wastewater Project:

- Opened construction contract bids on December 4th. Received seven bids for each of the two contracts.
- Prepared and provided request for authorization to award packages to the state loan program, and received authorization to award the contracts on December 31st.
- Awarded Contract 1 which includes construction of the Brick Kiln Lift Station and force mains to CC Construction. Awarded Contract 2 which includes construction of the collection system to RJV.
- Bid amounts allowed the Town to reduce the estimate of Total Project Cost by more than seven million dollars from \$60M to \$52.5M.
- Continued work with Assessing Department, preparing for sewer betterment.

▪ Outfall Data Collection and Permitting Project:

- Began anti-degradation evaluation based on methodology outlined in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for the project.
- Worked on application for insignificance under the Inter-Basin Transfer Act.
- Executed an agreement with University of Massachusetts Dartmouth to conduct additional outfall modeling to be used in the shellfish reclassification process by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Modeling results expected in April 2026.
- Continued evaluating fisheries data, as well as benthic baseline data collected in 2024 and 2025; evaluations to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

▪ Operations:

- Operators completed 75 work orders.
- Pump 2 was rebuilt and installed at Surf Drive Lift Station.
- Operators continued working to complete improvements recommended by the DEP during a recent inspection. For example, installed additional high level floats at two lift stations.
- Assistant Wastewater Superintendent inspected 6 additional restaurants for Fats/Oils/Grease compliance.
- Wastewater Superintendent is participating in monthly meetings of Cape Cod wastewater superintendents and others seeking a solution to the increasing challenge of sludge disposal.

Facilities

Operations Updates

- Facilities staff have completed 63 work orders in the past month with 46 work orders currently open or in progress, with approximately 81% of all work orders submitted to date having been completed.

Work Order KPIs

WOs Completed Last 30 Days



WO %Completed - TOTAL



- We have 1 vacant full-time position remaining in the department.

Capital Project Updates

- HVAC Controls Upgrades- Materials are currently on order for Fire Headquarters.
- Library Chiller Replacement- 3 different designs options were submitted by the Engineers as a result of the site visit. Unfortunately, it has become evident that regardless of which option we choose, we will not meet the schedule of replacement by this cooling season. We will continue to cool the library with the existing system through the summer of 2026 and anticipate replacement in between Fall 2026 – Spring 2027. The Department is currently reviewing all 3 designs for optimal efficiency, cost, and maintainability. Our next call with the project team is scheduled for the first week in February.
- Main Library Window Replacement Project- All work was completed. Facilities Staff are currently working with Gale Associates to design and bid Phase 2 to address all remaining original windows.

BEFORE



AFTER





- Brightly Software- Our kick-off meeting for the Predictor (Capital Asset Planning) website was held January 13, 2026. Brightly is currently working on website development based on our discussion of needs.
- Town Hall Renovations- Facilities staff completed the Town Hall 1st Floor Renovation project to create 2 new offices for the HR and Housing departments. We are currently working on 2nd Floor Renovations with an anticipated completion by the end of the month.





Fleet

- The Fleet Department is in full maintenance mode, we are repairing and servicing all departments and their needs.
- We have maintained the Towns fleet during the multiple snow and ice events with very few breakdowns. We are keeping up with all storm fleet repairs as well as the day-to-day general repairs.
- We are waiting for two vehicles that were ordered from the capital request of 2025. We have been getting updates on the vehicles, and they are still on schedule. The Dump truck sander is estimated for arrival in August 2026, and the tree division bucket truck is estimated sometime in early 2026. For our 2026

capital request, we have received a 2025 Ford Escape PHEV for the Water Department, and we are expecting additional vehicles to start showing up shortly.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

January Events

- Fun Family Fridays (Family engagement nights)
 - January 9th was Family Bingo Night
 - January 23rd was Family Game Night
 - January 31st was Family Trivia Night

Youth Programs

- Youth Basketball continues until the end of January. The last scheduled day of basketball is Saturday January 31st. This program is for children in grades 1-8. Games are played on Saturdays, with grades 5-8 having one practice during the week.
- Our Munchkin Basketball program is also currently running. We have three sessions of this popular program and are just finishing up the first session. We

move into the second session the last week of January. This program is for 5- and 6-year-olds (kindergarten) and will run on either Monday or Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm.

- Futsal began on Sunday January 4th. This indoor soccer program is for children in grades 1-6 and games are played on Sundays beginning at noon.
- Futsal Fridays – pickup games for grades 6-12 on Fridays from 4:45 – 6:45pm. This program runs from December 5 – February 27 and is free, thanks to the Falmouth Futsal Club.
- Mites Sports Skills – We are introducing a new program this winter for children ages 3 and 4.
 - This program will teach basic sports skills like running, jumping, throwing, kicking and balancing to future athletes.
 - It will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 12:15-1:00pm and will run from January 6th – February 3rd. There will be second session beginning on Monday March 2 at 12:15pm.

Adult Winter Programs

*Winter session registration is open, programs began the first week of December and run through February

- Monday – 18+ Basketball
- Tuesday - All Gender Volleyball
- Thursday - All Gender Futsal

Indoor Pickleball (Winter Session) December - February

- Beginner – Wednesdays 12:15–2:15pm
- Intermediate – Thursdays 12:15–2:15pm
- Advanced – Fridays 12:15–2:15pm
- Senior (60+) – Thursdays 8:30–10:30am
- All Levels – Sunday morning 9:00-11:00am

Operations

- New field reservation and building reservation forms for 2026 are now in effect

SENIOR SERVICES

- 46 new participants enrolled. [Total Enrollment 9,191]
- 6,145 participant swipe card check-ins [Units of Service].
- 776 Volunteer hours.
- 260 Transportation Rides covering 1,220 Miles.
- Outreach Coordinator provided 656 Units of Service connecting residents to resources, services, and programs to support their needs or the needs of a loved one.
- Senior Municipal Support Team did not meet in December. The Senior Services Outreach received 4 Reach Referrals from the Fire Rescue Department.

Special Program Initiatives for the Period December 23, 2025 – January 26, 2026

- Monthly Support Groups: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, Bereavement Support Group, Community Circle, Grief Drop-in Support Group, LGBTQIA Support Group, Women's Support Group.
- Monthly Information Tables: Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, Falmouth Human Services Department, Falmouth Public Library, Falmouth Service Center, Falmouth Sustainability Specialist, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Independence House.
- Monthly Special Programs: Bingo, Book Club, Arts/Crafts Card Making and Painting Classes, Genealogy Workshops, Technology Classes.



- 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: *[Estimated 47 classes per week]*
All Level Yoga, 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, Stretch and Flexibility, Tai Ji, Tai Ji Exercise Basics, Yoga for Vitality, ZUMBA. Plus, Adult Walking, Pickleball, and Open Gym time at the Recreation Center.
- Weekly Social Programs: Backgammon, Bridge, Canasta, Chess, Cribbage, 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.
- Monthly Hearing Screenings: Offered by Miracle Ear representative.
- Monthly Reiki appointments are available with a certified Reiki specialist.
- Daily: Café breakfast, lunch, and special offerings. [1,145 service units]
- Daily: Fitness Room participation. We held two orientations for 36 participants. [984 service units]

- VNA [Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod]
 - Jan 12th: Fall Prevention and Home Safety Presentation
 - Jan 14th – Feb 18th: Neuro Go exercise series
 - Jan 26th – March 9th: Senior Aquatic Conditioning at Atria.
- Dec 8th: Senior Center Holiday Social “Music for the Holidays” ...an afternoon of musical entertainment, desserts, and refreshments.
- Jan 5th: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide service for residents with a low to moderate income range. Senior Services Department is scheduling all tax appointments.
- Jan 5th: Coffee & Conversation “Policing with the People”. Special Guest – Police Department School Resource Officers. Q&A.



- Jan 13th: Memory Screening appointments offered at the Senior Center facilitated by the Alzheimer’s Family Support Center.
- Jan 15th: Weekly Drop-in Grief Support Group established. This is facilitated by Rev. Saramaria Allenby as part of the Community Chaplaincy Initiative.
- Jan 26th: SNOW DAY!



Upcoming Special Program Initiatives

- Jan 28th: Cooking Class “Tex-Mx Dip, Pulled Pork Sammies and Loaded Bruschetta”.
- Feb 2nd: Coffee & Conversation “Policing with the People”. Special Guest – Select Board Chairman Bob Mascali.
- Feb 2nd: VNA health and wellness presentation on Nutrition.
- Feb 10th-13th: March/April 2026 Fitness Class Registration.
- Feb 23rd: 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.

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Carbon Tracker Report**
The Town’s GHG Carbon Tracker Report was finalized in January. Results and trends will be presented to the Select Board at the March 9, 2026 meeting.

- **Senior Center Energy Outreach – January 20, 2026**
Sustainability staff hosted outreach at the Senior Center, displaying energy-efficiency materials and speaking with residents about available home energy rebates and incentives through Mass Save and Cape Light Compact.

Learn more:

<https://www.capelightcompact.org/residential/>

ENERGY STAR® Certified Appliances

- \$40 for window air conditioners
- \$50 for electric dryers
- \$75 for fridge and freezer recycling

Other Rebates

- \$25 for programmable thermostats
- \$100 for ENERGY STAR Certified smart thermostats
- up to \$75 on battery-powered lawn equipment
- \$500 for induction stoves**
- \$75 for ENERGY STAR Certified triple pane windows***

- **Green School Works – MassCEC Grant Application**
The Town is working with Paul Dart to submit a MassCEC Green School Works grant application to fund heat pumps and a solar carport canopy at either East Falmouth Elementary or Teaticket Elementary (school to be determined). Preparation included site visits on January 6 and January 13, and a January School Committee meeting, where a formal letter of intent to apply was approved.





▪ **Water Treatment Plant Solar Tie-In**

The Water Treatment Plant solar system was successfully tied into the facility on January 15 at 8:00 p.m. An electrical inspection is anticipated as the next step toward full operation.

▪ **Chamber of Commerce Electrification Project**

Using Green Communities grant funding, the Chamber of Commerce removed an oil tank and furnace and installed a high-efficiency, cold-climate electric heat pump system. Construction occurred between January 7 and January 23, 2026, advancing building electrification and reducing fossil fuel use.

▪ **Gus Canty and Senior Center Solar Project – Kickoff Meetings**

A virtual solar project kickoff meeting with the solar vendors and Gus Canty, Senior Center, Police, and DPW staff was held on January 6, followed by an in-person coordination meeting on January 8, 2026. Discussions focused on scheduling, operations, and safety in advance of the Recreation Center panel removal and subsequent solar installations at both the Senior Center and Recreation Center (expected in February/March). Please note that buildings will remain open during the installation.



VETERANS' SERVICES

- **Veteran Funeral Services** - As mandated duties of the Falmouth Department of Veterans' Services, the department assumed responsibility for and coordinated proper burial services for Falmouth veteran David P. Czech, as he had no surviving family. The ceremony was held on January 30, 2026, at the Bourne National Cemetery. Mr. Czech was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam Era who passed away unexpectedly on December 17, 2025. Members of the public and the Cape Cod community were invited to stand in tribute and pay their respects for Mr. Czech. Approximately 88 people from Cape Cod and various towns in Massachusetts attended. Participants in the ceremony included: Pastor Nell Fields from the Waquoit Congregational Church who performed the opening and closing prayers, Barnstable Veterans' Services Officer Greg Quilty who read the eulogy, Jim Seymour, Executive Director of the Cape and Islands Veterans' Outreach Center and Steven Xiarhos, State Representative Fifth Barnstable District both spoke, State Representative Thomas Moakley, Falmouth Veterans' Council Members David Branga, Paula Smith, Elizabeth Sweeney were all in attendance. Honor Guard ceremonies were conducted by the Cape and Islands Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 188, the Patriot Guard Riders and the United States Coast Guard and the American Legion Riders Post 118. A wreath of flowers was donated by Lily's Florist and Gifts of South Yarmouth.



- **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. This month featured educating the participants on the revalidation process. Cold Weather jackets were also issued to anyone in need.
- **Community Outreach** – VSO continued to participate in Veteran Benefits information workshop at the Falmouth Community Veterans Center. The workshop was attended by Falmouth veterans who were seeking out benefits information. The workshop provided an opportunity to exchange information in an

interactive group environment. This month's workshop focused on Cyber scams and protection, which featured presentations by VSO and Bruce Blackwell, Consumer Assistance Council, Inc.

- **Community Outreach** – Participated in monthly Falmouth Elks Lodge Veteran Coffee Social to meet Falmouth veterans and provide program awareness. Eight veterans and their spouses were in attendance. This VSO used the opportunity to engage and network with VFW, DAV, AMVETS, and Elks Lodge leaders. VSO issued 5 cold weather coats to the veterans who were in attendance.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Professional Development** – Attended monthly Executive Office of Veterans' Services meeting. A virtual format designed to review programs and discuss best practices.
- **Chapter 115 Veterans Case Managed** – 39 On-going Chapter 115 benefit recipients
- **Total Veteran Service Activities** – 517 Veteran services conducted – inclusive of the provision of misc. information and guidance to resources, VA benefits claim processing, Chapter 115 case management, annual client Chapter 115 Recertification.
- **Homeless/at Risk of Homelessness/Deceased Veterans Served** – The department assisted 1 deceased veteran family in accessing resources.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Professional Development** – VSO will attend MVSOA Winter Conference on February 26, 2026.
- **Community Outreach** - Monthly veteran information social, called SITREP, with the Council on Aging Program Director. SITREP on February 23, 2026.
- **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. This month VSO will provide free winter coats to any veteran in need from this venue. Activity will be held on February 3, 2026.