

Listening Session:
Saturday, August 18, 2018
St. Anthony's Catholic Church Parish Hall
167 E Falmouth Hwy, East Falmouth

Phyllis Downey, Scribe

The Parish Hall was full to capacity, several individuals stood near the entrance.

Su Moran – Introduction Remarks

- Appreciate everyone coming out on a Saturday
- The Board is trying something new and wants to come to every zip code in Falmouth
- Recently spoke with Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing & Economic Development, at the One Cape Consortium raising Falmouth's concerns to a State level, such as bike path repair.
- Megan English Braga and Doug Brown organized this meeting. If recording the meeting, please do not move around the room.
- The Board of Selectmen can do their jobs best when they directly hear from you

Megan English – Braga - Introduction

- Thanks to St. Anthony's and Father Avila for use of the space, the larger function room on the other side of the lot was not available.
- We appreciate the opportunity to follow up on February's meeting and to hear from people who couldn't make the meeting and from summer residents as well as year round residents.
- David Vieira, State Representative and Town Moderator, will be today's Facilitator. The format is not a debate but an opportunity to be heard. Scribe will take down remarks. Please state name & precinct.
- At the end of the meeting 20 – 30 minutes will be opened up for general comments

David Vieira, Facilitator

- Grew up here in the Teaticket neighborhood
- Good to see summer residents here, good to have a cross section from all over East Falmouth, year round & summer residents

Prompt: What do you like about living in Falmouth that needs to be protected?

- Dale Riggs – likes the fact that we have tree lined streets
- Jim Marshall – likes quaintness, the tree lined streets and wants to maintain them
- John Collins - Likes the beaches and access to waterways
- Patricia Maloney – loves the convenience,
- Linda Tobey – lived in Falmouth over 50 years, likes the small town feeling
- Mary McAdams - likes the estuaries and waterways
- Joe - Likes the level of volunteerism
- Joe Q – Likes the friendship and neighbors, does not want to see a highway through the town, likes access to beaches and Goodwill Park, does not want to see East Falmouth become like Rt. 28 in Yarmouth
- Ms. Keith – Like the quaintness, small town feel, came back after college for small town environment, feels confident raising kids here, safe riding bikes

- Cheryl Williams Precinct 3 – is passionate about the land trust, preserving openness, greenspace, and maintaining the quaintness of town
- Frankie Johnson of E Falmouth – likes September & May
- Noreen Precinct 6 – is concerned about growth
- Bob Donahue - Wants expansion of Falmouth bike path, people on bikes drift into traffic, Priuses are especially quiet and dangerous for bikers who can't hear them, wants bike corridors for safety
- Phil Alfonso – likes bike lanes, appreciates the Police & Fire Departments
- Andy Moore – wants excise tax contributions to begin to consider staffing, love FPD & FFD but they are short staffed, a disservice
- Tom Rogers E Falmouth- Town run well, FPD & FFD very qualified & great service, department managers do a good job
- Ralph Herbst Precinct 8– wants Falmouth's agricultural history to continue, glad the Town saved Tony Andrews Farm
- David Vieira – St. Anthony's church is built on land that was Marshall Strawberry Farm and strawberries are featured in some church stained glass
- Mary Simonelli - Likes living here, is a new arrival, wants to make sure town is great for tourists for economic development and keeping taxes lower, wants some of the properties on upper Main Street cleaned up
- Ron Katzenberg Precinct 8 – likes small businesses & family owned businesses
- Bob Baker Precinct 4 – likes the professionalism FPD & FFD, also volunteerism, great beaches, asks why don't the beaches get all the money they raise
- D Shearer - Signs on roads like Chapaquoit Road, warning of bike crossing have faded, Eddie Marks, oldest building in town, should be saved for a good use like a museum

Prompt: What are your priorities for the Town? What town service is most in need of improvement and how do you suggest we make it better?

- Joe Netto - At November town meeting Chief of Police stated that the current Police Dept. staff is less than in 2008, Town saw the impact during storms and shootings, reduced staff impacts Town services, library hours were cut, trees have been down/not cleaned up for too long
- Barb Schneider Precinct 4 – wants compliance with policies but there is not enough follow up, Animal Control hours are too short and dogs on beach are a problem after 5 pm in summer, check licensing of dogs at dog parks, moorings are not being monitored for transfer or illegal installation, conservation rules are not being followed up on, inappropriate trimming of waterside property will be a problem during hurricanes
- Philip Alfonso Precinct 9 – reduction of police force to 37 officers, 3 detectives during heroin epidemic is inadequate, would pay more taxes for more action on epidemic, Officer DeMiranda was almost killed by the bullet 'grazing' his neck,
- Don Precinct 7- Better coordination between State projects and Town projects, such as installation of rotary vs. work on the Menauhant Bridge,
- David Vieira, Facilitator – the State DOT has a new database which shows local projects in an overlay with State projects
- Greg M. Precinct 2 – asks if larger projects are the answer, simple things like fire hydrant painting and flushing are important, Little Pond dredging is another example of delayed projects that need to be scheduled and completed, lack of officers on FPD is a great problem, not enough officers not enough cars on the road

- Gregory Cantos Precinct 4 - biggest concern safety & security particularly Central Avenue, lovely drive but a traffic light is needed to allow cars in and out, the crosswalk doesn't exist and is very dangerous to pedestrians, wants a survey of the number of cars entering & exiting the area of Central Ave and Menauhant then regulate
- Peter Hargraves Precinct 9 – Has ideas about getting access to leadership and have a voice, a relative newcomer, finds a lot problems might be solved by review of govt. process by Charter review, a large board with members elected in vote by town precincts might increase connection to residents and effectiveness

Prompt: What capital projects or infrastructure need to be increased in the Town?

- Philip Alfonso Precinct 9 – the Town built a new water facility for \$46 million but the pipes are from late 1800's and may be held together by asbestos based glue, pressure can be too high in the old pipes and cause breaks, this needs to be addressed
- Mark Finneran – Natl. Fire Professionals Assn. recommends all fire hydrants be exercised every year in part by flushing, other Cape towns do it routinely/yearly, Falmouth has flushed once, having State assistance may not be the answer to water flow, in 24 years other Cape towns have exercised their hydrants 24 times but Falmouth has not
- John Precinct 3 – would like to see a list of all capitals projects that need to be done in the town so residents can keep track of progress and completion,
- David Vieira remarked and Julian Suso clarified, the capital projects are posted on the Town website
- Mary Harris Precinct 5 – town should require that when streets are dug up utilities are buried underground
- Bob Baker Precinct 4- wants to see the carousel get a permanent home, waste facility is not open sufficient hours and leaf dump hard to access, housing is a huge issue but development needs to be considered more thoughtfully, not rushed into
- Bruce Mogardo -not pleased with maintenance of beaches, not enough staff or trucks, request support for beach maintenance, works closely with DPW and appreciates what they can do but there are not enough staff or equipment, beaches need help and money
- Joe Netto -Beach department may need their own maintenance staff contrary to Matrix Study findings, lack of ability to complete maintenance is beginning to show, it's time to take money from projects invest in staff

Prompt: What do you find most challenging about living in Falmouth

- Parking, offsite parking for Main Street may take away from the convenience of visiting downtown and the small town atmosphere
- Joe – During last winter's major storms there were no areas where leaves, trees, and debris could be brought although other towns provided this service
- Dolores - After the storms people were throwing debris over the embankment on Great Bay Street. She heard the stairs to the beach, that were broken in the storms, would be repaired after storms and by erosion but no one knew when this would be addressed. If someone falls the town will be sued. No one seems to care. She installed a state of the art septic system at her home and 3 years later was required to hook up to the sewer. Why did town issue septic permit if sewer was going to be required
- John Thompson - Power off during storms, why wasn't the power restored at Seacoast quicker, it goes out frequently when it is windy
- Brian O'Hara, - everything costs money and the wind turbine removal would cost millions, why not turn on the turbines, get a new attorney if needed?

- Barb Schneider - Everyone admits taxes are low and expects it to be a bargain, it takes money for services and improvements, if the budget is low, there is a challenge
- Dan Shearer Precinct 6 – Cell reception in West Falmouth is very unreliable, if there is an emergency at a beach there may not be service, can the turbines become cell towers?
- Judy Precinct 1 – concerned about the ability to educate and recruit volunteers for town boards or committees, educating goes beyond asking them to go to a website, the Charter Review committee recommended to BOS that a committee handbook be created, Judy would like Town to develop a list of the details for serving on each committee so, if people are interested, they can get this information
- Dan Precinct 6 – all committee meetings are open and times are published
- Philip Alfonso Precinct 9 – not happy with how is Town information disbursed

Prompt: What are the barriers keeping you from participating in government; what is your preferred way of receiving information from the Town?

- Crystal Morris Precinct 2 – continuing issue is committee members can be harassed if the committee takes a stand, she will never again serve on a committee due to harassment
- Peter Hargraves – Committee process, to come before the BOS, is difficult, would a 6 month probation period for committee membership be helpful rather than being appointed by the BOS immediately?
- Mark Finneran - Term limits to committees can be helpful, limit currently is 9 consecutive years, fresh ideas helpful
- Lynn Berg Precinct 8 – internet access on the Cape is very challenging even with new computers and high speed service, committees often meet during business hours which prevents working people from participating
- Unidentified individual - Many people are held back from committee membership because they don't know what a committee does and if they are effective, the Town website had agendas but not enough minutes are published
- Joe Q – on veterans council does not know who selectman rep for his committee is, support for his committee is minimal, does not agree with Selectmen appointing committee members, selectmen should occasionally attend committee meetings
- Judy Fenwick Precinct 1 – Volunteer coordinator for the Town may be of help in the above
- Bob Donahue Precinct 3 – People want to get involved but are reluctant, no real news comes out of the Selectmen's meeting, news is not printed unless it is controversial, does not give an accurate view of what goes on, members of the Board of Selectmen should argue in public even if they agree to generate interest and news coverage

Prompt: This is a time for general comments on any topic

- Chrystal Morris – would like Town Planning & BOS to support solar energy more completely
- Rebecca Moffit - Falmouth Schools rate high in State, students go on to excellent higher education, cannot praise the schools too much, be proud
- Janet Valley Precinct 3 – concerned about Maravista extension, very, very busy, people drive too fast,
- Cheryl Williams - Teaticket Assn. has contacted FPD due to staffing cannot help as requested,
- Another resident spoke very highly of schools, inclusive playground is coming and will be important
- Sean Hunt Precinct 4 – waterways management, seems that aim is toward Wellfleet model of shellfish management - developing oysters, wants to promote quahogs and preserve natural environment
- Dean Lundgren - from Davisville – Menauhant Bridge is very dangerous, what is being planned for this? Selectmen will email an update to inquirers

- Bob Baker Precinct 4 – Town meeting rep, stabilization to increase the Town’s bond rating is great but because of this we cannot hire sufficient staffing, doesn’t agree with installing a rotary on Main Street
- Greg Mesnarian – Sensibility vs. accountability, near the corner near Worchester Ct a development is being marketed as a 28 home plot, rationale is the need for 40b housing but less than 15% of the homes will be 40B, the Town just spent 26 million on Little Pond project, the development will add to congestion and environmental impact
- Joe Q – 1976 Falmouth had 10 firefighters - 2018 there are 10 firefighters on duty at 5 stations, not enough, 300 Committee should have its own maintenance staff for property it purchases
- Resident moved to Falmouth from Panama City for small town atmosphere, thinks the road widening will take away the small town feel and ambience visitors look for
- Ron Katzenberg – there are over 200 homes in their association, some have chickens, residents are concerned because zoning allows larger animals on properties, regulations needs better definition
- Tom Roger on Bayside Drive – main road to the beach in Seacoast Shores, Bayside Beach has been the area everyone goes to as it is close and family friendly. Recently, the association approached the town asking to take over Bayside Drive – make it private. Many are opposed and the neighborhood is divided. In 1940 the Core of Engineers gave the road to the town. Tom is asking town officials to not give away Bayside Drive. It could be a way to exclude residents that are not association members.

Megan English-Braga – Close

- Thank you for participating. Thanks to residents who took the time to attend and the BOS for hosting this event. All Selectmen are here, Town Manager & Assistant Town Manager, Department Heads and other staff as well as Town Meeting members and scribe Phyllis. The February meeting was an indicator that people want to connect with their Town Meeting members.
- Please send email message if you did not get to speak; selectmen@falmouthmass.us
- The point of moving the meetings is to focus on each part of town so your voices can be heard. Each part of town has issues in common and that are particular to it.

Comments Received via email after the August 18, 2018 event:

Ben Harden

Dear Selectmen,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to come and listen to East Falmouth residence I was unable to attend, but it sounds like it was well attended which speaks to the need you are responding to with these sessions.

I'd like to comment briefly on the 28 redesign project. I've been following it closely as a member of the Town Bikeways Committee, head of Falmouth Bike Lab and as a father interested in improving cycle access to East Falmouth for students.

It sounds like there isn't much support for a widening of the car-using roadway, but how wonderful it would be if the redesign included a multi-use, separated bikepath. We've given away over 140 bikes at bikelab this year alone, mostly to folks who use them as their primary means of transport. I see these folks every day cycling to work down 28, a road totally unfit for them. I also help with the Lawrence School Bike to School day every year. It's always a great group of kids, who really want to be able to cycle to school, but are limited to this once-a-year opportunity because the roads aren't safe. We even need a police escort to make this even happen. Nothing demonstrates the lack of cycling infrastructure so bluntly as watching a group of enthusiastic student cyclists being waved across a 28 intersection by an officer next to a cruiser with full lights.

I know there will be resistance to the idea of widening the road for a bike path (already showing up in the Enterprise's letters section), but this is really a once in a generation opportunity to bring safe, healthy and equitable access to all parts of town for all kinds of road users, be they students, workers, or holiday makers. I will continue to work through Bike Lab and the Town Bikeway's committee to help advance cycling options in town, but your support in making this bikeway happen would be invaluable. I look forward to my daughter one day being able to cycle to school without the need for a siren to clear the way.

Thank you for your time,

Ben Harden
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East Falmouth

Suzanne Donahue

I was unable to attend the session but wanted to share some thoughts about the neglect that continues at the Heights and especially the Heights Beach.

If the Heights Beach is a huge draw for tourists, one would think that an investment be made to it to make it a gem. It is far from a gem at this point but looks rather like a poor relative. In all my 60 years summering at the Heights I have seen literally no attention to any beautification / improvement of the area, with the exception of the Finish Line Garden and now the water fountain/ bottle filler in the ballpark. The paved walkway has never once seen a resurfacing nor has the grassy areas running parallel to the paved walkway ever seen a reseeding or any attempt to create a bluff or barrier to save from future wear and to enhance the beach area.

A huge improvement was made to get walkers safely down Worcester Court by adding great sidewalks but any attempt to make the Heights look better ended where that project ended at Grand Ave. Loads of people walk down Central Park Ave to the beach but that road remains ratty, muddy and water filled after any rain. Someone made a lame attempt at a small patch last week near the BBC but that only draws one's eye to the issue along the ball park fence.

I am not feeling the love from the Town towards the Heights and its residents. The Heights is famous or infamous but Town budget never includes fund to maintain and improve our greatest resource- the beach.

A visit to most of the Jersey shore communities would provide concrete evidence of how to make the best of a natural wonder. Those areas have walkers, runners, cyclist year round as it is a beautiful destination. The area I am most familiar with the Asbury Park and many of the south townships that are along the ocean. Each Township does the boardwalk a little differently but all townships continue to protect their huge resource by building bluffs and sand dunes. They have succeeded in NJ.

The final straw for me was the new concrete bunkers that create a huge eyesore. They are oversized if they are to house a surfboard or two, torpedoes and other lifeguard paraphernalia. The very idea that the opening is towards Grand Ave and not the beach is mind boggling. Those bunkers need to be disguised with sea grass and rosa regosa. While you are at it the grassy area near the paved walkway running parallel the the beach is eroded and destroyed. Conservation should be key and it is not.

Thanks for listening. I would love to be suprised with good news about the Heights...

Suzanne Donahue 39 Grand Ave

David Smith

I agree.

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Bob Donahoe

Dick

I am opposed to the traffic light. All else is good with me.

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Subject: Re: Listening Session

Dick, I think in #1 it's a stronger and more accurate statement to say 930 'households' rather than residents, most residences having more than one driver.

Eleanor

Richard Sette

There are three topics that I would like to present to the Falmouth Selectmen:

1. The safety of Route 28 from the intersection with Sandwich Road all the way to the Mashpee boundary - this road needs - improved shoulder sections in many locations, more caution signs, reduced speed limits and as you have probably heard from Mike Roache a resident and association member it definitely needs a traffic light at the intersection of Seacoast Shores Boulevard and Route 28. Seacoast Shores is the highest density neighborhood in all of Falmouth there are approximately 930 residents which means the traffic on Seacoast Shores Boulevard trying to get out onto Route 28 from May through October is always very heavy. Turning left to head west on Route 28 is especially difficult because the traffic coming up the hill is not visible until they are very close and they're typically doing 45 or 50 miles an hour. Please do something about this very dangerous intersection. Support Mike Roache's proposal, the state won't do any safety improvements without the full support of the Falmouth Selectmen.

2. The dredging of water ways throughout the town of Falmouth needs a higher priority - I'm going to use the Eel River West up from the Menauhant Yacht Club as an example:

This waterway requires dredging every two or three years. Something must be done to prevent the dangerous shoaling that occurs. Coastal Engineers should examine the inlet at Menauhant Yacht club and determine what changes are required there to prevent the frequent shoaling from occurring. Most boats with a draw of 1 and ½ feet of water cannot navigate the Eel River West during low tide.

3. Common Resources – Discussion on this topic was not planned until the last speaker from the audience Mr. Tom Rodger from Bayside Dr in Seacoast Shores provided his incomplete input on Deeded Rights.

Common resources in a neighborhood require the financial support of all the residents. "The few will no longer pay for the many."

The Seacoast land developers included in deeds whatever clauses were necessary to increase the sale of land and houses in the 50s and 60s. Somehow a few of the deeds remain and exist for property owners where the language from the original deeds still exist. "An association if present will manage the common resources and all the residents are obligated to pay association dues/maintenance fees." Unfortunately, most of the deeds only have the right to use without any obligations.

The MA Courts in Sullivan vs O'Connor (2012) ruled in favor of the association. MA law sets forth that individual homeowners and purchasers of property in a residential development such as Seacoast Shores have an implied obligation to pay assessments or dues imposed by the association even if purchasers' deed did not explicitly obligate them to pay assessments; purchasers had actual knowledge that the association existed and availed themselves of services provided by and regulated by the association, such as common ownership and rights of way, the beach, maintenance, insurance, utilities, landscaping services and payment of taxes levied upon association held property. The association was created for the purpose of managing common property or enforcing use restriction and other controls.

Please let me know if additional supporting material is required.

Thank you,

Richard F. Sette

Seacoast Shores Association Inc., President
cc: SSAI Board of Directors

Peter Hargraves

Dear Select Board,

Thank you for making time and arranging the listening session at St. Anthony's on Saturday, 8/18. This was a huge success, measured by attendance and participation, and I appreciate the opportunity to participate.

Two constituents brought me ideas that I did not have the opportunity to share at the listening session. Both ideas concern public safety through traffic regulation and control. I have met with Peter McConarty to discuss these ideas and he believes they have merit but I understand that the Select Board did not embrace these when he had mentioned them during a public meeting. I hope you will consider these ideas as we strive to improve traffic flow and safety on our roads.

1) Intersection of Jones Rd. & Gifford St. : Consider timing the light so that each of the four (4) roads has a 'green' light in turn while the other three roads have a 'red' light. This may help clear the intersection faster because there are cars turning as well as going straight in all lanes and both maneuvers can be executed safely and without delay if there is only one lane signaled 'green'. Absence of a turn lane(s) impedes the flow due to oncoming traffic, but turns can be made with no cross traffic under the proposed signal sequencing. In the Summer this intersection is especially dangerous because visitors tend to go around vehicles that are staged for turning across traffic. In addition, Summer traffic congestion has encouraged many people to cut through the crowded parking lot at Homeport and they are usually traveling through at unsafe speed. Perhaps we can improve traffic flow and safety by adjusting the signal sequence, without a costly road project?

2) Bike Trail Extension - Rt. 28 Crossing at Palmer Avenue : Perhaps the Palmer Ave. intersection is a good location for a full traffic signal? The bike trail extension under discussion apparently includes a crossing for Rt. 28 in the vicinity of Goodwill Park. I have heard suggestions for blinking lights for pedestrians/bikes as well as a pedestrian overpass. I suspect that an overpass is costly, and it will not address the traffic issues holistically. Standing at Crabapples restaurant and observing traffic flow, it is clear that drivers are 'velocityized' from high speed travel on the divided Rt. 28, and they are still traveling at high speed as they enter town, until the Jones Rd. / TerHuen traffic signal becomes visible. Adding a signal at Palmer Ave. will create a 'speed break' before cars get to town in addition to offering safe passage for pedestrians and bikes crossing at the bike trail extension. I understand that technology is available to make the light cycle responsive to traffic flow, and in addition to coordinate with the signal at Jones / TerHeun.

I will appreciate your consideration of these ideas, and once again, thank you for an excellent listening session.

Peter Hargraves
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Bob and Karen Hurley

Hello Selectmen,

We are sorry we missed the meeting over the weekend.

We have recently moved to Falmouth full time after spending our summers here for the last 18 years. With that being said and living here full time, we thought we would let you know of some things we have seen in the area.

We live off of Davisville, and our commute up and down Route 28 has shown a lot of run down and abandoned homes/businesses over the past several years. In addition, the intersection at Davisville and 28 appears very run down, vacant and old businesses, with signage needing repairs such as painting, updating exterior and weeding, etc. needing to be taken care and homes with similar issues on 28 and Davisville. It appears the historical end of Davisville does not have these issues.

We are in the process of deciding whether to stay or move from the Cape, due to the fact our property values may not be improving with other towns, in part due to the above reasons, in addition to the choice of businesses Falmouth is allowing in the town. No need for all higher end business, but small businesses, as well, where they are not selling junk, thus, bringing in clientele who buys it.

We really like the beaches and downtown and feel most of the town is fine, but again, we are concerned as to which way the town/areas/businesses will be going in terms of appealing to visitors, home values increasing and being kept up. We understand the need for lower income housing, but feel the town needs to incorporate it properly so as to not to impact the non-lower income housing aesthetics and home values. This is both a monetary and safety issue, for during this summer alone, there have been numerous arrests and people on drugs/alcohol on the streets and bus stations, making us feel unsafe.

We appreciate all the town does and know it is no small feat to make all citizens happy. However, safety, home values and wise business opportunities will certainly help retain those who reside here while opening the door for the newcomers.

Thanks, again, for the opportunity for residents to voice their opinions and thoughts. We greatly appreciate the opportunity and all that the town and employees due for our town.

Bob and Karen Hurley
37 Captains Lane

Paula Sette

Dear Falmouth Selectmen

My concern is about houses that are not being maintained with debris in their yards, trash strewn about, in some cases rodents have been observed and in general a detriment to the neighborhood. I would think this not only reduces the tax base you can collect on for such properties but also makes it difficult for one to sell their home at market value living next to or near such a property - a loss to the owner and the town. Residents living near such homes are embarrassed to have visitors and it reflects poorly on the community and the town.

Remember the slogan "Isn't Falmouth Nice"? Can steps be taken to impose fines? From what I have observed a lot of these properties are rentals that owners collect money on yet have no allegiance to the community or town.

Take a ride down Seacoast Shores Blvd and take a look at #137 for a very good example. The owner lives in Provincetown and the home is a total mess.

Sincerely,

Paula Sette

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Mark Cool

Dear Chairwoman Moran and Selectmen,

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend tomorrow's "listening session" but, as today's Enterprise suggests, I would like to offer my input for your consideration.

It's no secret the town wind turbine troubles have been deeply etched into our collective character. Community division persists even today due mostly to zealot renewable energy overreach. The town's best interest would be best served if Falmouth's Board of Selectmen would fully and finally lead, and publicly own up and admit that the town's turbines, in their present location, were a mistake.

Given eight long turbine turbulent years, the siren call for 'getting right with (& for) the community is critical. Publicly acknowledging this unfortunate mistake is needed if community healing is to begin, and necessary if honest communication with your constituency is to be preserved.

Respectfully,

Mark Cool
Precinct 6

Suzanne Cortis

As I am unable to attend this session Saturday, several issues are concerning to me...

1. The sale of "nips".. I am from the Worcester area and several surrounding towns were not allowing the sale of alcohol in the nip size bottles.. If you walk down Central Ave or other streets, they are littered with these bottles.. driving and Nipping? And just throw it out the window? I think we are better than that.. Bottle return won't work..
2. The new enforcement of the beach wait lines.. for 20 years we have been able to wait 15-20 minutes to get into Chappy, etc.. I can see you don't want 10 cars there but who complained... I can guess... So people will fill up the bike parking lot or drive around neighborhoods until they luck out...
3. Giving out free needles is the latest... I have a type 1 diabetic daughter who has to pay for her needles... can she get free needles at this kiosk????
4. Also how many sober houses does this town have... police log every week is 90% intoxicated or drug issues... I am not against these but do other towns have the same amount?

Otherwise I love this town, it's beauty and people and compassion for each other.. just a few issues that I think we can do better in.

Thank-you for listening...

Sincerely
Sue Cortis

Maurice Tripanier

Dear Selectmen, I live in East Falmouth and will be unable to attend the meeting on Saturday due to Road Race Guests invading our house.

My East Falmouth issue is with the Green Pond Bridge and the Augusta(Green Pond) boat launch parking lot. Both have a garbage/littering problem. Both would benefit from trash receptacles that could be serviced by the DPW trash truck that travels to Menauhant Beach going right by these two problem areas. Phone calls to the DPW by many of the boaters/residents I have spoken to are ignored. Mine included. This would go a long way in our town initiative, keeping our Ponds and waterways clean.

Thank You

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I am very surprised that the Saturday of race weekend is the date you have chosen. It is one of the busiest weekends of the year and many residents have guests for the weekend.

Perhaps a kickoff should have been scheduled for September.

Barbara MacDonald

Hiawatha St