

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REVISED AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN’S MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL

59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

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AGENDA

7:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition
4. Announcements
5. Public Comment

7:15 p.m. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Licenses
 - a. Application for Multiple Amendments of an All Alcoholic Restaurant License - Change of Manager/Change of Officers – Landfall Restaurant, 9 Luscombe Avenue, Woods Hole
2. Administrative Orders
 - a. Approve Eversource Petition for the Installation of One (1) 4” Conduit at Acapesket Road, North of Garry Avenue. The proposed location is required for sustaining and protecting fixtures in, under, along and across the public way.

- b. Approve payment from the Falmouth Fire Rescue Department Donation Account in the Amount of \$730.72 for the Purchase of Grave Markers and Flags for Memorial Day
- c. Approve Expenditure of AFCEE Funds in the amount of \$79,445 for Phase I of the Mill Pond Restoration Project

7:30 p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Application to Amend Underground Storage Tank (UST) License – Hatem Enterprises Nye Road, LLC, 607 Main Street, Falmouth, MA (Parcel ID # 47B 05 040 000)

7:45 p.m. BUSINESS

1. Falmouth Farmer's Market – Request for Waiver of Event Permit Fee and Presentation of New Plan
2. Discussion/Update on COVID-19 Issues
3. Action to Consider Naming Crosswalk the “Tommy Leonard Walkway”
4. Update on Proposed Recovery Loan Program
5. Discussion of Town Meeting Article 14 (Override) – Hiring of 8 New Firefighters
6. Discussion of Potential Regional Approaches to Upcoming Summer Beach Operations
7. Individual Selectmen's Reports
8. Town Manager's Report

Megan English Braga, Chairman
Board of Selectmen



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

For Reconsideration

LICENSING AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION

Falmouth

City/Town

00072-RS-0390

ABCC License Number

TRANSACTION TYPE (Please check all relevant transactions):

The license applicant petitions the Licensing Authorities to approve the following transactions:

- New License
- Change of Location
- Change of Class (i.e. Annual / Seasonal)
- Change Corporate Structure (i.e. Corp / LLC)
- Transfer of License
- Alteration of Licensed Premises
- Change of License Type (i.e. club / restaurant)
- Pledge of Collateral (i.e. License/Stock)
- Change of Manager
- Change Corporate Name
- Change of Category (i.e. All Alcohol/Wine, Malt)
- Management/Operating Agreement
- Change of Officers/
Directors/LLC Managers
- Change of Ownership Interest
(LLC Members/ LLP Partners,
Trustees)
- Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder
- Change of Hours
- Other
- Change of DBA

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Licensee DBA

Street Address Zip Code

Manager

Granted under Special Legislation? Yes No

If Yes, Chapter

of the Acts of (year)

Type (i.e. restaurant, package store) Class (Annual or Seasonal) Category (i.e. Wines and Malts / All Alcohol)

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES Complete description of the licensed premises

LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Application filed with the LLA: Date Time

Advertised Yes No Date Published Publication

Abutters Notified: Yes No Date of Notice

Date APPROVED by LLA Decision of the LLA

Additional remarks or conditions (E.g. Days and hours)

For Transfers ONLY:
Seller License Number: Seller Name:

The Local Licensing Authorities By:

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
Ralph Sacramone
Executive Director

LEBHERZ & LEBHERZ

Attorneys at Law

Christopher G. Lebherz

Of Counsel

Hon. George H. Lebherz, Jr. (Ret.)

(508) 548-6600

FAX (508) 457-0268

EMAIL: lebherzlaw@gmail.com

April 15, 2020

Falmouth Board of Selectmen/Selectwomen
Town Hall Square
Falmouth, MA 02540
Hand delivered

RE: Landfall, Inc.

Dear Members of the Board:

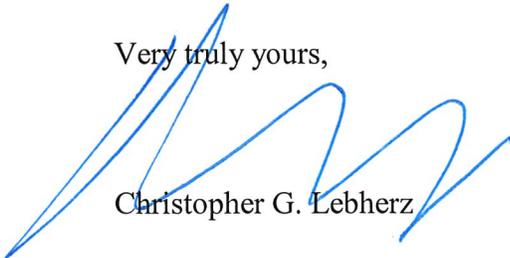
A couple weeks back, the Board was kind enough to approve a change of Manager request for the Landfall. When the papers landed at the ABCC, they were reviewed. Apparently, the Officers of the Corporation on file with the ABCC were not the same as on file with the Secretary of State.

In any event, I was instructed by the ABCC to file the enclosed Application for Multiple Amendments to resolve the issue. The ABCC indicated no additional fee be paid. I am attaching the application and all necessary papers. In the end, the Officers on file are:

President - James Estes
Vice President - Kathleen Estes
Treasurer - James Estes
Secretary - Jean Estes

I believe the application needs to be approved by the Board and re-submitted to the ABCC. Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,


Christopher G. Lebherz

CGL:cl



Town of Falmouth

Department of Public Works - Engineering Division

416 Gifford Street, Falmouth, MA 02540
Office: 508-457-2543, Fax: 508-548-1537

Nicholas Croft, Engineering Technician

ncroft@falmouthmass.us

Date: May 7, 2020

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Nicholas Croft, Hearing Officer

Subject: Eversource – Petition to install 2' of underground conduit under Acapesket Road to upgrade service

A petition was submitted by Eversource to install 2' of 1"-4" underground conduit to upgrade service from overhead to underground at 165 Acapesket Road.

The Engineering recommendation is to approve the request as submitted on Plan No. 2382262, W/O #2382262, dated March 7, 2020.

Eversource Reminder: All Street Openings require a permit obtained from the Engineering Office.

Thank you,

Nicholas Croft
Engineering Technician
DPW Engineering Division



50 Duchaine Blvd
New Bedford, MA 02745

April 7, 2020

Town of Falmouth
Board of Selectmen
59 Town Hall Square
Falmouth, MA 02540

Select board:

Enclosed is a petition for **1** proposed conduit location(s) on **Acapesket Road, Falmouth, Massachusetts.**

This proposed location(s) is required to accommodate underground service. This petition will require a notice to abutters and a hearing.

Will you please present this petition before the Board for customary action and approval.

Very truly yours,

Donna Rosa
Right-of-Way
Representative

DR: dh
Enclosures

**PETITION FOR
UNDERGROUND CABLE AND CONDUIT LOCATIONS**

Falmouth, Massachusetts

MARCH 7, 2020

To the Board of Selectmen of **Falmouth**, Massachusetts

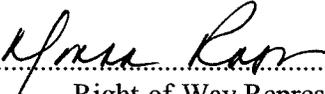
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY (d/b/a Eversource Energy) requests permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways:-

**ACAPESKET ROAD, North of Garry Avenue
WO# 2382262**

One (1) 4" Conduit

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to install and maintain underground cables, and manholes, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said underground cables, conduits, and manholes to be installed substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked Plan No. **2382262**, Dated **MARCH 7, 2020**.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY (d/b/a Eversource Energy)

By..........
Right-of-Way Representative

**FORM OF ORDER FOR
UNDERGROUND CABLE AND CONDUIT LOCATIONS**

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN OF Falmouth, Massachusetts:

ORDERED:

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law, the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY (d/b/a Eversource Energy) be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to install and maintain underground cables, conduits and manholes, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in, under, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said company dated the 7 day of MARCH, 2020.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-

Cables, conduits, and manholes shall be installed substantially at the point indicated upon the plan marked Plan No. **2382262**, Dated **MARCH 7, 2020**, filed with said petition. The following are public ways or parts of ways under, along and across which the cables above referred to may be installed under this order:-

**ACAPESKET ROAD, North of Garry Avenue
WO# 2382262**

One (1) 4" Conduit

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of **Falmouth**, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk of Selectmen.

Massachusetts _____, 2020.
Received and entered in the records of location orders of the Town of _____ Book
_____ Page _____.

Attest:

Town Clerk

(over)

This form should be used by the Town Clerk to make a certified copy of the Original and mail same to:

Eversource Energy
50 Duchaine Blvd
New Bedford, MA 02745
Attn: Donna Rosa

We hereby certify that on _____ 2020, at _____ o'clock, _____ M., at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY (d/b/a Eversource Energy) for permission to install and maintain underground cables, conduits, manholes and fixtures and described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate, (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to install underground cables, conduits, manholes and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

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Selectmen of the Town of **Falmouth**
Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

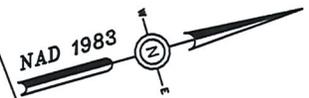
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a joint location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of **Falmouth**, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of _____, 2020, and recorded with the records of location orders of said Town Book, _____ Page _____.

This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:

Town Clerk.

Plan to accompany petition of EVERSOURCE ENERGY to install 2' of 1-4" conduit to upgrade from OH to UG service.



GARRY AVE

33 08 001 358
165 ACAPESKET RD
N/F
KELLY JAMES M
KELLY NANCY A

#165

APPROX. PT. OF PICKUP

APPROX. R

#4

APPROX. RIGHT OF WAY

BACK OF SIDEWALK

LF=15'± 1-4" SCH 80

LANDSCAPE AREA

BACK OF SIDEWALK

ASPHALT SIDEWALK

GRASS

235/55

GRASS

EOP

ACAPESKET RD

EDGE OF PAVEMENT/APPROX. RIGHT OF WAY

#168

33 08 024 256
168 ACAPESKET RD
N/F
BARTEL PETER D
REARDON JEANNIE

APPROX. R

● 235/N54-A

LANDSCAPE AREA

#164

33 08 025 257
164 ACAPESKET RD
N/F
KOMAR RODERIC
KOMAR MARYLYN

APPROX. R

#160

33 09 005 258
160 ACAPESKET RD
N/F
WHITING TRUSTEE
ROBERT E
WHITING TRUSTEE
JAMES R

LEGEND

- ⊕ Proposed Hand Hole
- ⊖ Existing Hand Hole
- Proposed Conduit
- - - Existing Conduit
- Proposed Pole
- Existing Pole
- Pole with Riser
- Ⓜ Proposed Multitap
- Ⓢ Proposed Manhole



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MASS. LAW

REQUIRES 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO UTILITY COMPANIES BEFORE DIGGING BY ANYONE. CALL DIG-SAFE 1-888-344-7233

Plan # 2382262

Ward #

Work Order # 2382262

Surveyed by: N/A

Research by: JC

Plotted by: GC

Proposed Structures: LM

Approved: A DEBENEDICTIS

P#



1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125

Plan of ACAPESKET RD, FALMOUTH

Showing PROPOSED CONDUIT LOCATION

Scale 1"=20'

Date MARCH 7, 2020

SHEET 1 of 1



TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Office of the Town Manager & Selectmen

59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, Massachusetts 02540

Telephone (508) 495-7320

Fax (508) 457-2573

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Per Order of the Falmouth Board of Selectmen

Publication Date: Friday, April 24, 2020, Falmouth Enterprise



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...ted virtually to practice social distancing

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Hole

#019-20 John A. Mannix, Jr. and Carmel A. Shields: Applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a modification of special permit #066-88 pursuant to section(s) 240-3. C and 240-69 E. of the Code of Falmouth to raze and reconstruct the existing cottage on subject property known as 10 Crown Avenue, Falmouth, Ma.

#020-20 Richard K. and Mary Ann Bradshaw, Trustees: Applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit pursuant to section(s) 240-3 C. and 240-69 E. of the Code of Falmouth to construct a 2nd floor addition to the pre-existing non-conforming dwelling on subject property known as 8 Elysian Avenue, Falmouth, Ma.

#021-20 Michael A. Mueller: Applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit pursuant to section(s) 240-13 and 240-162 of the Code of Falmouth to allow a home-based landscape business on subject property known as 91 Central Avenue, East Falmouth, Ma.

#024-20 Kevin P. Klauer II and Meghan G. Klauer: Applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit pursuant to section(s) 240-38 G. of the Code of Falmouth to allow a third garage bay on subject property known as 55 Blair Lane, West Falmouth, Ma.

Files are available in the Board of Appeals Office at Town Hall for review by interested parties.

April 17, 24, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST TO AMEND A SUPERSEDING ORDER OF CONDITIONS

PROJECT/LOCATION: Little Pond Village at Falmouth Heights, Worcester Court & Alma Road, Falmouth, MA (DEP File #SE 025-4349)

APPLICANT: Helms Circle, LLC
The Applicant has filed an amendment request to the Superseding Order of Conditions (DEP File #SE 025-4349) issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The proposed amendment involves shifting the proposed Limit of Work and house footprints on Lots 12 & 13 further away from/landward, to increase setbacks to the Coastal Bank extending parallel to Little Pond. The amendment results in less work within the Buffer Zone to the Coastal Bank.

The amendment request is currently before the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for review under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and its implementing Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

All persons wishing to comment on the amendment request within 21 days of this public notice should write to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection at SERO_NOI@mass.gov, referencing DEP File #SE 025-4349.

April 24, 2020

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Town of Falmouth ("Owner") shall receive sealed bids at the Town of Falmouth Department of Public Works office, 416 Gifford Street, Falmouth, Massachusetts for the construction of the Technology Park Low Service Tank Rehabilitation, Contract No. WA-TNK-20-01, until 10:00

to Bidders. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of the Contract will be under the provisions of "Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30, Section 39M (MGL C.30, S.39M)." Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. If the bidder views/obtains the Contract Documents from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the Contract Documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding may render a bid as non-responsive.

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April 24, 2020

TheFalmouthEnterprise.com

Diane Davidson

From: Kim Strohm
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Diane Davidson
Subject: FW: Invoice 45564600
Attachments: 45564600.pdf

These are for the grave markers for Memorial Day.
Thank you
Kim

From: Carrot Top Industries <wanda@carrot-top.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Kim Strohm <kim.strohm@falmouthfirema.gov>
Subject: Invoice 45564600

Thank you for your Order. Here is your Invoice
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Invoice

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FALMOUTH MA 02540
US

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Attn: SCOTT STARBARD
FALMOUTH FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
399 MAIN ST
FALMOUTH MA 02540
US

Account	Ordered	Shipped	PO	Buyer	Rep	Terms	Ship Method
616864	04/16/20	04/22/20		SCOTT STARBARD	Tara	NET 30	Rate Shop St

Item #	Description	UM	QOR	QBO	QSH	Price	Amount
AB411FIR	DELUXE BRONZE GRAVE MARKER- FIRE DEPARTMENT	EA	5	0	5	58.75	293.75
AB411STF	BRONZE STAFF- 18" X 5/16" DIA. TOP THREADED	EA	5	0	5	0.00	0.00
AZ822	12X18" POLY/COTTON FIREMAN MOUNTED	EA	144	0	144	2.80	403.20

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FALMOUTH FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT #45564600 Pkg# 1 12



Memo to: Julian Suso, Town Manager
From: Eric Turkington, Chair
Water Quality Management Committee
May 8, 2020

Your office has asked for the WQMC's review and comment/recommendation of the request from the East Falmouth Village Association for continued funding of the Mill Pond Restoration Project.

As you know, due to the coronavirus emergency restrictions the WQMC and other non-regulatory town boards and committees have not been meeting, so our committee's normal process of reviewing and evaluating proposals of this nature has not taken place, nor have any votes.

The town's South Coast Embayments and West Falmouth Harbor CWMP/TWMP Notice of Project Change (NPC) included a section on "Nutrient Management in Mill Pond," which was unanimously voted by the WQMC on June 19, 2019. That section included recommendations for macrophyte harvesting and pond aeration, which are the subject of this request. The entire CWMP document was unanimously approved for submission to MEPA by the Board of Selectmen on November 18, 2019.

Other previous actions by the WQMC and Board of Selectmen include:

A request by the East Falmouth Village Association for \$36,000 in AFCEE funds for a study by the Coastal Systems Program of the UMass Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology of nutrient cycling in Mill Pond was unanimously approved by the WQMC and then by the Board of Selectmen on January 9, 2017.

Submission to the Conservation Commission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the town for macrophyte harvesting and pond aeration projects in Mill Pond was drafted by the WQMC's consultants and unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen on September 23, 2019.

A request for by the East Falmouth Village Association for up to \$4,000 in AFCEE funds for MES to purchase equipment (a reciprocating cutter, a weed shear, rakes and a small drag net) in connection with a pilot version of the macrophyte harvesting project was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen on October 7, 2019.

A reduction in nitrogen is important to restoring the health of Green pond, and this work in Mill Pond is an important part of that effort. The WMQC has been pleased to offer support and technical assistance to the East Falmouth Village Association in its efforts to restore Mill Pond.

Draft Proposal for Mill Pond Enhancement

Aquatic plants growing on the surface of Mill Pond in Falmouth, MA have attracted increasing attention from both residents and visitors. These plants are a visible manifestation of water quality problems plaguing 14 estuaries in the town. The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) collected data from August 2015 through March 2018 in order to study Mill Pond and consider what might be done to improve its health. A report on the study and recommended actions was presented to East Falmouth Village Association on July 19, 2018 by Amber Unruh, who evaluated the data as part of a Master's Thesis submitted in 2018. A key finding of the study was that "... it will be important to maintain or increase the high level of nitrogen attenuation in the pond for the health and restoration of Green Pond."¹ Data collected over the course of the study suggested that during 2016 and 2017, Mill Pond attenuated about 1,500 kg of nitrogen². It is believed that in future years, most of this nitrogen would enter the upper reaches of Green Pond if Mill Pond was drained to make it a wetland³ or if the pond's ecosystem gets compromised by eutrophication.

Ongoing discussions with the authors of the SMAST report, the Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee (WQMC), and members of the East Falmouth Village Association resulted in successful filing of a Notice of Intent to pursue two recommendations of the study:

1. Aerate the pond during the summer months when dissolved oxygen declines to a level that limits denitrification processes in the sediments and biofilms on plants. The SMAST study suggests that an addition ~200 kg of nitrogen could be removed from Mill Pond, which should also reduce the amount of nitrogen that flows into Green Pond. This proposal involves paying for one season of nanobubble service provided by a contractor, and if the treatment is effective then purchasing equipment for operation during subsequent years.
2. Harvest the aquatic plants (macrophytes) that grow in the pond. The SMAST study estimated that macrophytes take up ~450 kg of nitrogen and ~10 kg of phosphorus in Mill Pond each year. When these macrophytes die and stay in the pond, their decay consumes oxygen in the water which can result in anoxic conditions that release the nutrients back into the water column and allow them to flow downstream into Green Pond, where nitrogen is the eutrophication-limiting nutrient. By harvesting the macrophytes towards the end of the growing season, the nitrogen that they contain is permanently removed from the watershed and cannot enter Green Pond. This proposal involves hiring a contractor to harvest surface vegetation from the pond around mid-October.

While implementing the above measures, it is critical to monitor the effect of those measures in order to determine whether they are having the desired effect. In addition, because the water flowing out of Mill Pond impacts the impaired Green Pond watershed that is the subject of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) being developed by the Water Quality Management Committee, it is important to the planning process and to the state regulators to know whether inputs to the watershed have changed. If the nutrient inputs are lower, then the cost and scope of CWMP efforts may be reduced. Details associated with the above actions are described below.

¹ A. Unruh, B. Howes, E. Eichner, R. Samimy, "Diagnostic Assessment of Nutrient Cycling in Mill Pond" submitted to the Town of Falmouth on September 28, 2018, p.56.

² Ibid, p.50.

³ Ibid, p.59.

Aeration

The following steps are proposed for aerating Mill Pond:

1. Extend utility service as shown in Figure 1 from the northwest corner of the East Falmouth Library to the eastern edge of Mill Pond. The outlet will have a metering device to track energy use.
2. Hire a contractor to deploy and maintain a nanobubble generator. The expected treatment period will be mid-June to mid-September.
3. The contractor will remove the nanobubble generating equipment at the end of the treatment period.

Macrophyte Harvesting

Two anticipated access points for launching a harvester and extracting harvest materials are shown in Figure 2. Use of the northern site will require permission from the private property owner. The following steps are expected to be necessary to harvest macrophytes from Mill Pond:

1. Mobilize a harvester on the pond around mid-October when the water level in the pond is still high, prior to upstream cranberry harvest.
2. Install Set up an off-loading site with hay bales, a dewatering area, and space for a mini excavator and roll-off container.
3. Harvest for 10 working days. Harvested material will be left on shore to dewater before loading into the roll-off. Material will be weighed before delivery to its final destination, which will be Blacksmith Shop Farms unless a private party expresses interest in the material.
4. Remove harvester

The anticipated budget for a three year pilot program involving these activities is shown below. The present request is to fund \$79,445 for the first year of activities, with contingency. If the findings from the monitoring report that will be available by the end of February, 2021 are favorable, additional funding of \$130,022 will be requested to complete the second and third years of the program.

2020	
Aeration	\$ 11,510
Harvest	\$ 32,840
Monitoring	\$ 27,875
Contingency	\$ 7,220
Total, 2020	\$ 79,445
2021	
Aeration	\$ 28,924
Harvest	\$ 32,840
Monitoring	\$ 15,865
Total, 2021	\$ 77,629
2022	
Aeration	\$ 3,688
Harvest	\$ 32,840
Monitoring	\$ 15,865
Total, 2022	\$ 52,393
Project total, 2020-2022	\$ 209,467

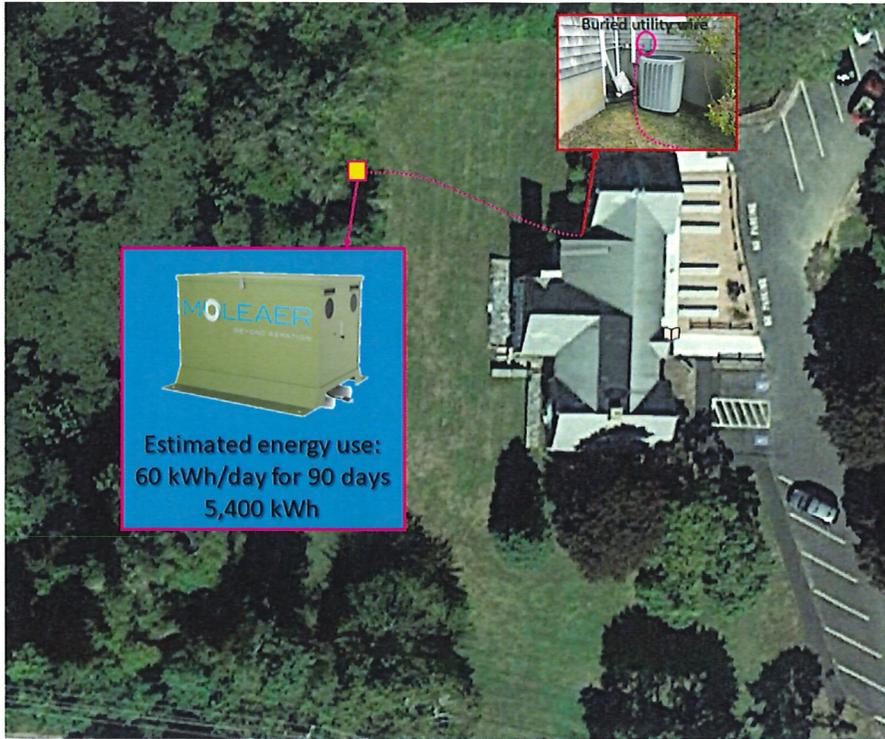


Figure 1. Utility service location and nanobubble aeration unit.



Figure 2. Approximate harvest area and preferred harvest staging and offloading sites.



TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Office of the Town Manager & Selectmen

59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, Massachusetts 02540

Telephone (508) 495-7320

Fax (508) 457-2573

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, Falmouth, MA on the application of Hatem Enterprises Nye Road, LLC to amend the existing license to reflect that the site has three (3) 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks (UST) for gasoline and one (1) 10,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) for diesel located at 607 Main Street (Parcel ID# 47B 05 040 000), Falmouth, MA 02540.

Per Order of the Board of Selectmen

Publication date: Friday, April 24, 2020, Falmouth Enterprise

April 15, 2020

Town of Falmouth
59 Town Hall Square
Falmouth, MA 02540

Attn: Ms. Diane Davidson
Board of Selectman

Sav-on Mart
607 Main Street
Falmouth, MA 02540
Delivery: Email

Dear Ms. Davidson,

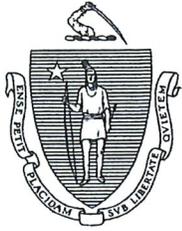
Enclosed please find an Application for License, License, a copy of the existing License from January 6, 2000 and (2) two copies of the Proposed Fire Suppression Plan for the existing Sav-on Mart gas station located at 607 Main Street, Falmouth, MA. The owner of the property Hatem Enterprises NYE Road, LLC wishes to be heard by the Board of Selectman for an amended to the current License for underground fuel storage. The current License shows 40,000 gallons, 550 gallons Waste Oil and 1,000 gallons of Fuel Oil. The site currently has (4) four 10,000-gallon tanks: (3) 10,000-gallon gasoline and (1) one 10,000-gallon diesel. The waste oil and fuel oil tanks have been properly removed from the property. The diesel fuel was already in place when the current owner purchased the gas station. We wish to amend the License to show what is actually in the ground and to show the current owner of the land.

I have spoken with the local fire department and they have signed off on the Application for License. Please review the attached and let me know when we will be heard by the Board of Selectman. Also let me know if we need to do an abutters list or is this a simple sign off. If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at (774) 239-2781, thank you in advance for your time in helping to expedite this matter.

Sincerely,


Carolyn A. Parker

Cc: Hatem Enterprises NYE Road, LLC
File



FP-002A
(Rev. 1.1.2015)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
City/Town of Falmouth

Application For License

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148 §13

New License Amended License

GIS Coordinates

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License Number

Application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws of Massachusetts for a license to store flammables, combustibles or explosives on land in buildings or structures herein described.

Location of Land: 607 MAIN STREET
Number, Street and Assessor's Map and Parcel ID

Attach a plot plan of the property indicating the location of property lines and all buildings or structures.

Owner of Land: HATEM ENTERPRISES NYE ROAD, LLC

Address of Land Owner: 561 THOMAS B. LANDER RD, E. FALMOUTH,

Use and Occupancy of Buildings and Structures: GAS STATION / CONVENIENCE STORE
MA 02536

If this is an application for amendment of an existing license, indicate date of original license and any subsequent amendments
JANUARY 6, 2000
Attach a copy of the current license

Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

Complete this section for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids, and gases; see 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50; Attach additional pages if needed. All tanks and containers are considered full for the purposes of licensing and permitting.

PRODUCT NAME	CLASS	MAXIMUM QUANTITY	UNITS gal., lbs, Cubic feet	CONTAINER UST, AST, IBC, drums
<u>GASOLINE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>GAL</u>	<u>UST</u>
<u>DIESEL</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>GAL</u>	<u>UST</u>

Total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored: 30,000.

Total quantity of all combustible liquids to be stored: 10,000

Total quantity of all flammable gases to be stored: 0

Total quantity of all flammable solids to be stored: 0

LP-gas (Complete this section for the storage of LP-gas or propane) *N/A*

Indicate the maximum quantity of LP-gas to be stored and the sizes and capacities of all storage containers. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in aboveground containers: _____

List sizes and capacities of all aboveground containers used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in underground containers: _____

List sizes and capacities of all underground containers used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all LP-gas to be stored: _____

Fireworks (Complete this section for the storage of fireworks) *N/A*

Indicate classes of fireworks to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3G: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4G: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all classes of fireworks to be stored: _____

Explosives (Complete this section for the storage of explosives) *N/A*

Indicate classes of explosive to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.1: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.2: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.5: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.6: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

I, CAROLYN A. PARKER hereby attest that I am authorized to make this application. I acknowledge that the information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that all materials stored pursuant to any license granted hereunder must be stored or kept in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Massachusetts Chapter 148, and the Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00). I further acknowledge that the storage of any material specified in any license granted hereunder may not exceed the maximum quantity specified by the license.

Signature Carolyn A. Parker Date 4/15/20 Name CAROLYN A. PARKER

Fire Department Use Only

I, Craig O'Malley, Head of the _____ Fire Department endorse this application with my

Approval Disapproval

[Signature]
Signature of Head of the Fire Department

4/16/20
Date

Recommendations: _____



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 City/Town of Falmouth

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License Number

FP-002
 (Rev. 1.1.2015)

License
 Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148 §13

New License Amended License

After notice and hearing, and in accordance with Chapter 148 of the Mass. General Laws, a license is hereby granted to use the land herein described for the purposes described.

Location of Land: 607 MAIN STREET
Number, Street and Assessor's Map and Parcel ID

Owner of Land: HATEM ENTERPRISES NYE ROAD, LLC

Address of Land Owner: 561 THOMAS B. LANDER RD, E FALMOUTH, MA 02536

Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

Complete this section for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids, and gases. All tanks and containers are considered full for the purposes of licensing and permitting. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

PRODUCT NAME	CLASS	MAXIMUM QUANTITY	UNITS gal., lbs, cubic feet	CONTAINER UST, AST, IBC, drums
<u>GASOLINE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>GAL</u>	<u>UST</u>
<u>DIESEL</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>GAL</u>	<u>UST</u>

LP-gas (Complete this section for the storage of LP-gas or propane) N/A

- ❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in aboveground containers: _____
 List sizes and capacities of all aboveground containers used for storage _____
 - ❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in underground containers: _____
 List sizes and capacities of all underground containers used for storage _____
- Total aggregate quantity of all LP-gas to be stored: _____

Fireworks (Complete this section for the storage of fireworks) N/A

- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3G: _____
 - ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4G: _____
 - ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____
- Total aggregate quantity of all classes of fireworks to be stored: _____

THIS LICENSE OR A CERTIFIED COPY THEREOF MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED ON THE LAND FOR WHICH IT IS GRANTED.

Explosives (Complete this section for the storage of explosives) *N/A*

- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.1**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____
- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.2**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____
- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.3**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____
- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.4**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____
- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.5**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____
- ❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class **1.6**: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

Licensing Authority Use:

This license is granted upon the condition that the licensed activity will comply with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148, and the Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00) as amended. The license holder may not store materials in an amount exceeding the capacities herein specified unless and until any amended license has been granted.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

Signature of Licensing Authority

Title

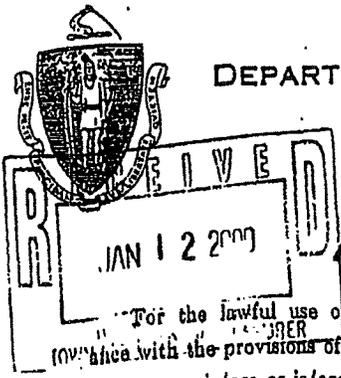
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**THIS LICENSE OR A CERTIFIED COPY THEREOF MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY
POSTED ON THE LAND FOR WHICH IT IS GRANTED.**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY—DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
1010 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Falmouth January 6 2000
(City or Town) (Date)



APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

For the lawful use of the herein described building... or other structure..., application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, for a license to use the land on which such building... or other structure... is/are or is/are to be situated, and only to such extent as shown on plot plan which is filed with and made a part of this application.

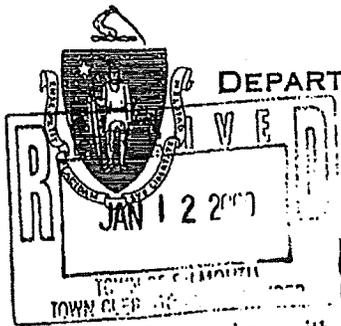
Location of land 607 Main Street Nearest cross street Nye Road
Owner of land Motiva Enterprises LLC (Street & Number) Address 3 Edgewater Dr., Suite 202, Norwood, Ma 02062
Number of buildings or other structures to which this application applies 1
Occupancy or use of such buildings Service Station
Total capacity of tanks in gallons:—Aboveground No Change Underground gas to 40,000 gals.
Kind of fluid to be stored in tanks gasoline, waste oil & Fuel Oil F/O 550 gals.
TOTAL 41,550 gals.

Approved Disapproved 12 JAN 2000
[Signature] (Head of Fire Dept.)
[Signature] (Signature of Applicant)
3 Edgewater Dr., Ste 202, Norwood, MA 02062 (Address)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY—DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
1010 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Falmouth January 6 2000
(City or Town) (Date)



LICENSE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, a license is hereby granted to use the land herein described for the lawful use of the building... or other structure... which is/are or is/are to be situated thereon, and as described on the plot plan filed with the application for this license.

Location of land 607 Main Street Nearest cross street Nye Road
Owner of land Motiva Enterprises LLC (Street & Number) Address 3 Edgewater Dr., Suite 202, Norwood, Ma 02062
Number of buildings or other structures to which this license applies 1
Occupancy or use of such buildings Service Station
Total capacity of tanks in gallons:—Aboveground no change Underground
Kind of fluid to be stored in tanks Gasoline 40,000-waste oil 550 - fuel oil 1,000 gals.
Restrictions—If any: Outside Alarm

[Signature]
(Signature of Licensing authority)

THIS LICENSE OR A PHOTOSTATIC OR CERTIFIED COPY THEREOF MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Falmouth

FLAMMABLE/COMBUS/HAZ STORAGE Permit

City or Town: Town of Falmouth

Date: 8/26/2019

Permit Number (if applicable): 2019-030489

DIG SAFE NUMBER

Start Date: 8/26/2019

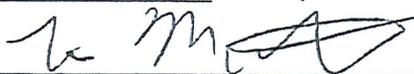
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 148, as provided in 10A this permit is granted to HATEM ENTERPRISE NYE RD LLC, 561 THOMAS B LANDERS RD, EAST FALMOUTH, MA 02536 Phone #:
(Full Name of Person, Firm or Corporation)
for To store gasoline in 3-10,000 gal. and diesel in 1-10,000 gal. USTs,

Restrictions: _____

at 607 MAIN ST HATEM ENTERPRISE NYE RD LLC

(Street and # or Describe Location for Adequate Identification)

Fees Paid \$ 50 This permit will expire on 1/3/2022

Signature of Official Granting Permit:  Title FB

This permit must be conspicuously posted upon the premises

Falmouth Farmers Market
PO Box 179
Falmouth, MA 02541



Re Falmouth Farmers' Market Fee Exemption Request for 2019

April 17, 2020

Dear Selectmen,

Falmouth Farmers' Market is respectfully submitting its Special Events Fee Waiver Request for 2020.

In this time of Coronavirus/Covid-19, we are shifting from our focus on creating a community food event to being a safe, efficient connector between our neighbors and local food. Farmers Markets are included on the Governor's list of essential services¹ and we are focused on the important task of getting local food to our neighbors safely. It seems like there are news articles at least weekly about the pandemic exposing global and national food supply chain weaknesses² thus making strengthening our local food system even more significant. With rising unemployment, we are also anticipating an increase in the number of participants in our highly successful SNAP³ bonus program and at our farmers who participate in the HIP⁴ program.

We have been watching closely how other farmers markets across the country respond, as well as being in communication and following guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture and Mass Farmers Market.

Best practices from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture for farmers market⁵ we will be implementing include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing space between vendors to allow for proper social distancing, including six foot markers for queues for each vendor booth (visual depiction follows)
- No product sampling and no eating at the Market
- Encouraging farmers to take pre-orders and have pre-packaged, pre-portioned, pre-priced for quick transactions with minimized number of touches.

¹ "COVID-19: Essential Services | Mass.gov." <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services>. Accessed 20 Apr. 2020.

² "Coronavirus pandemic shows the U.S. food supply chain is" 17 Apr. 2020, <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/coronavirus-pandemic-shows-the-us-food-supply-chain-is-due-for-an-upgrade-experts-say-2020-04-17>. Accessed 20 Apr. 2020.

³ "SNAP and Cash Benefits during COVID-19 | Mass Legal" 13 Apr. 2020, <https://www.masslegalservices.org/DTA-COVID-19>. Accessed 20 Apr. 2020.

⁴ "Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) for clients | Mass.gov." 7 Apr. 2020, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/healthy-incentives-program-hip-for-clients>. Accessed 20 Apr. 2020.

⁵ "COVID-19 Resources for Agriculture | Mass.gov." <https://www.mass.gov/guides/covid-19-resources-for-agriculture>. Accessed 20 Apr. 2020.

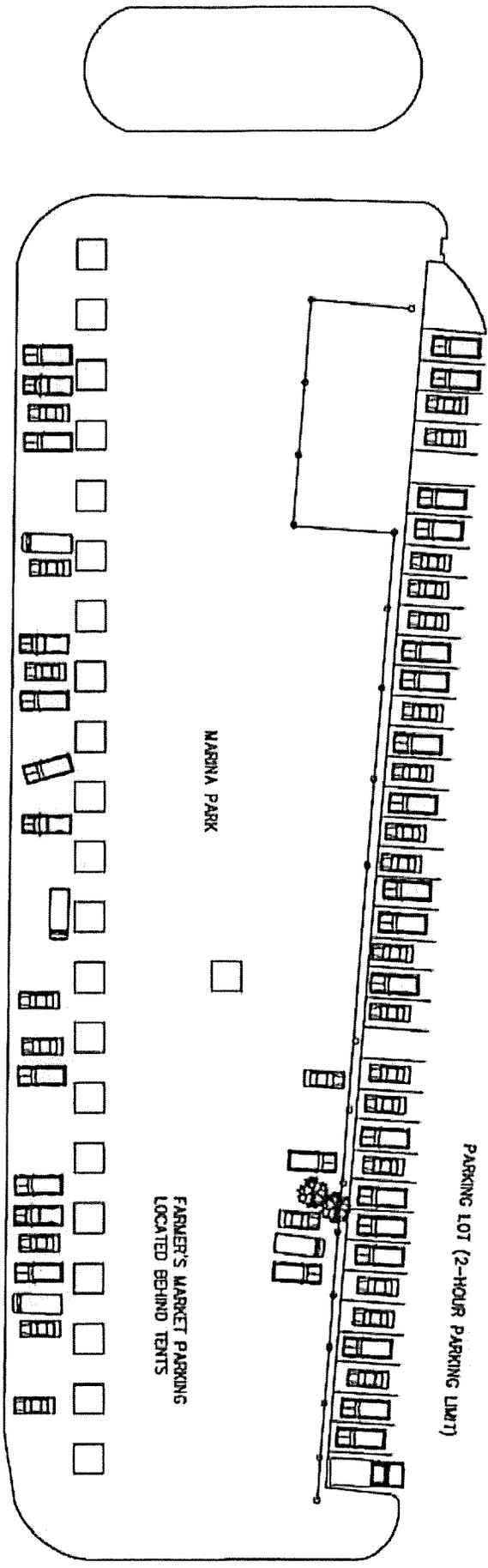
- Increasing access to handwashing and/or hand sanitizer
- Utilizing disposable gloves
- Encouraging vendors to minimize cash transactions in favor of card readers and online platforms such as Venmo, ApplePay, etc.
- Perhaps, most importantly, Customer Education and Outreach. This year the Falmouth Farmers Market will be totally different than in years past. We will undertake a social media campaign ahead of opening for customers to learn about the changes and new guidelines as we emphasize that protecting public health is paramount. In addition, we expect to need increased signage with reminders of new practices.

The Falmouth Farmers' Market is a non-profit organization with an all-volunteer board with one paid employee, our on-site Market Manager. We are attaching our Profit and Loss Statement for 2019. The market's operating income is based on vendor fees and the nominal profit from market bags, provided largely for our farmers' customers' convenience. In the past we have paid \$200 or approximately 9% of the regular fee for the park, in addition to maintaining the Harbormaster's Office Garden (weeding, amending soil, adding plants each year). We hope that this arrangement can continue for the upcoming year.

We look forward to working with you for another successful season.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Close, President
Falmouth Farmers' Market



NABRIA PARK

FARMER'S MARKET PARKING
LOCATED BEHIND TENTS

PARKING LOT (2-HOUR PARKING LIMIT)

SCRANTON AVENUE

PAID
fee \$200 ck# 539
deposit \$1,000 ck# 538



LAST YEAR
2019

TOWN OF FALMOUTH SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

NAME Falmouth Farmers' Market

MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 179, Falmouth, MA 02541

EVENT DAY & DATE Thursdays, May 23, 2019 – October 10, 2019
+ Tuesday, November 26, 2019 (Holiday Market - 11:00 – 3:00)

RAIN DATE None.

EVENT LOCATION Marina Park

EVENT TYPE Farmer's Market

SET-UP ARRIVAL TIME 10:00 a.m. EVENT HOURS 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES ~ 100 # OF VEHICLES ~ 70

ADDITIONAL DETAILS Request access to public restrooms, water and electricity. 10x10 tents, folding chairs. Public restrooms not available 11/26/19; organizer to provide porta-potty.

CONDITIONS:

1. Parking Option A (attached) with rotation as recommended by the Parks Superintendent.
2. Parking on the lawn, during or immediately after a rain event, may be prohibited by the Parks Superintendent
3. The parking area is to be marked off and monitored by the Farmer's Market.
4. Parking placards are to be issued for either Marina Park Lawn or Gus Canty parking.
5. Repair and maintenance requested by the Parks Superintendent shall be undertaken immediately at the expense of the Farmer's Market.
6. Event organizers to police the area following event to ensure any litter or debris is cleared.
7. Contact Inspectional Services Department for tent permit and inspection.
8. Contact Fire Department if any cooking equipment is to be used on site.

Permit fee reduced to \$200 + \$500 in-kind to maintain Harbormaster's Office garden.
PERMIT FEE ~~\$4,400.00 (22 x \$200/day)~~ FILING FEE \$10.00 Per B.O.S. 4/22/19.

DEPOSIT \$1,000.00 (Deposit refundable at conclusion of event provided that no litter or damage has occurred)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

[Signature]
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**TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

NAME Falmouth Farmer's Market

MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 179, Falmouth, MA 02541

EVENT DAY & DATE Thursdays, May 28, 2020 – October 8, 2020
+ Tuesday, November 24, 2020 (Holiday Market - 11:00 – 3:00)

RAIN DATE Thursday, October 15, 2020

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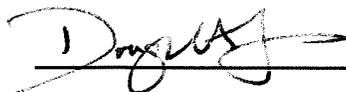
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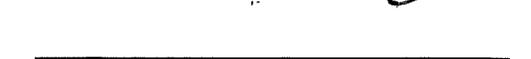
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6. Event organizers to police the area following event to ensure any litter or debris is cleared.
7. Contact Inspectional Services Department for tent permit and inspection.
8. Contact Fire Department if any cooking equipment is to be used on site.
9. Vendors to contact Health Department 3 weeks before event for food permit and to schedule inspections.
10. Organizer to provide a solid waste and recycling plan for the event.

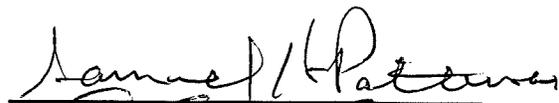
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN:










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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FARMERS MARKETS, FARM STANDS AND CSAs

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. Baker declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth to respond to the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, in view of the grave threat that the spread of COVID-19 presents to the public health, the Public Health Council authorized and directed me to act pursuant to G. L. c. 17, § 2A and to take all appropriate actions, incur such liabilities, and establish such rules, requirements, and procedures necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

On March 23, 2020, the Governor issued an Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth. As designated in the list of "COVID-19 Essential Services," farmers markets, farm stands and CSAs are essential and will remain open. Additionally, farmers' market employees, farm stand employees and CSA employees are deemed essential workers.

Therefore, in order to ensure access to a strong local food supply and enable farms to continue to grow, harvest and market safe, healthy and local fruits and vegetables, while additionally reducing exposure of shoppers and employees to COVID-19, and pursuant to the authority granted by G. L. c. 17, § 2A and with the approval of the Governor and the Public Health Council, I hereby issue the following Orders:

- 1) As indicated in the list of "COVID-19 Essential Services", farmers markets, farm stands and CSAs may remain open.
- 2) Managers of Farmers' Markets must limit the number of customers who can enter the market space at one time. Market Managers and individual vendors operating within a Farmers' Market must remind customers of "social distancing", maintaining a space of at least six (6) feet from one another while shopping at indoor or outdoor Farmers Markets, through signage at prominent locations and vendor tables, at access points and through verbal reinforcement.
- 3) Market managers and staff should cordon off farmers' market perimeters to allow for clear entry and egress points.

- 4) Market managers and staff must monitor and control the number of customers allowed within farmers' market areas and must allow no more than 10-15 customers per 1,000 square feet at any one time.
- 5) Lines that form outside of market entry points must be monitored and set-up in a way that customers maintain recommended distances between each other while waiting.
- 6) Market managers must employ signage, floor marks and cones to direct customers to maintain spacing requirements.
- 7) Local law enforcement should be notified and consulted if any issues arise concerning distancing or other physical security concerns at the market.
- 8) Signs must be posted to remind staff and customers that they should not visit the market when they are sick.
- 9) Market managers, staff and vendors must clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- 10) Farmers' markets, retail stands and CSAs are encouraged to promote transactions that employ pre-bagging of produce, online-orders and other methods that limit public interaction and minimize the time customers spend at vendor tables to enable customer flow and the maintenance of distancing guidelines.
- 11) Farmers' markets may not offer product samples for on-site use or tasting in order to reduce opportunities for contamination and transmission of the virus.
- 12) Market managers and vendors should minimize the handling of produce and products by both staff and customers, and prohibit the touching of produce by customers at vendor tables and sales points.
- 13) Farmers' market managers, market staff, as well as vendors and their employees, shall not perform bagging of produce if reusable bags are utilized until further notice. Vendors may choose to use recyclable paper bags, compostable plastic bags or single-use plastic bags during COVID-19 response operations in the Commonwealth.
- 14) Vendors should not use tablecloths in order to make it easier to clean and sanitize table surfaces. Vendors must clean and sanitize their displays, including their tables and items used to display produce at the end of every market during market operation. Markets are recommended to discontinue the use of display items that cannot be cleaned and sanitized.

- 15) Markets are encouraged to provide access to handwashing facilities, including those available in public restrooms, and alcohol based hand sanitizers for event staff and participants.
- 16) Market managers, staff and vendors must utilize face coverings or masks, as well as disposable gloves, at all times during market/CSOA operations. Customers are strongly encouraged to use masks or face coverings as per the CDC guidance.
- 17) Markets and vendors should minimize cash transactions. If more than one person is working the table, vendors should designate one person to handle money and another to handle produce/product.

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the State of Emergency is terminated by the Governor, or until rescinded by me, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mBharel', written in a cursive style.

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of
Public Health
April 27, 2020

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FARMERS' MARKETS, FARM STANDS, & CSAs Guidance Memo #5

Considerations for Fruit and Vegetable Growers Related to Coronavirus & COVID-19

The current COVID-19 pandemic is a common concern and many are wondering what they can and should do. The information here is intended to help guide the fruit and vegetable farming community. If you have concerns or suggestions please contact the MDAR Produce Safety Team at Michael.Botelho@mass.gov or via phone at (508) 985-8751, or UMASS Agricultural Extension Vegetable Program at lmckeag@umass.edu or via phone at (413) 545-1051.

Background

COVID-19 is the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus ("the novel coronavirus"). Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath and may appear 2-14 days after exposure. While the majority of COVID-19 illnesses are mild, it can result in severe and fatal illness, particularly in the elderly and among those with severe underlying health conditions. Federal and State agencies are working hard to better understand the virus, how to control its spread, and how to treat those infected. One of the key things we can all do is to limit and slow the spread of COVID-19 to provide time for this understanding to develop and to not overwhelm the medical system. Much more information is available at the [CDC Situational Summary page](#).

Foodborne Exposure to COVID-19 (As of 3/24/20)

Unlike foodborne gastrointestinal (GI) viruses like norovirus and hepatitis A that often make people ill through contaminated food, SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19, is a virus that causes respiratory illness. Foodborne exposure to this virus is not known to be a route of transmission.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. This includes between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Please visit www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19 for further information on COVID-19 and food.

Farmers' Markets/Farm Stands/CSAs in Massachusetts

Farmers' markets and farm stands (including Community Supported Agriculture farm stands (CSAs)) are primary sales outlets for many Massachusetts farms. Maintaining and increasing access to local food is essential, particularly in times of unsteadiness. Local farming may fill a critical void in food distribution patterns if the response to COVID-19 increases and growing regions located in the Western U.S. experience production and distribution challenges. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, along with its State and Federal partners, are focused on enabling farm stands and farmer markets to sell safe, healthy and local products during the COVID-19 response. Our aim continues to be the support of the many farms that will be entering the production season so they are able to provide fresh farm products to the residents, retail markets and restaurants in the Commonwealth.

What are some best practices for farmers' markets/farm stands and other local produce/farm product disbursement sites to limit the spread of COVID-19?

- 1. Social Distancing:** Market managers should increase the space between vendors to assist in patron flow and reduce crowding at vendor stations. Setting up vendor tables in a straight run or "L" formation should assist visitors in maintaining a safe distance as they visit the market. Market managers may also consider limiting the number of customers who can enter the market space at one time based on visitation rates. Markets are strongly encouraged to remind customers of "social distancing", maintaining a space of at least six feet from one another while shopping at farmers markets, through signage at prominent locations and vendor tables and through verbal reinforcement. As a reminder, Market staff, vendors and customers should:
 - 1) Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - 2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - 3) Stay home from the market when you are sick.
 - 4) Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - 5) Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- 2. Product Samples:** Farmers' markets should eliminate the offer of samples of products to reduce opportunities for contamination during COVID-19 response in the Commonwealth.
- 3. Minimize the Number of Touches:** Market managers and vendors should minimize the handling of produce and products by both staff and customers disallowing the touching of produce at vendor tables and sales points. Vendors are encouraged to facilitate reduced handling by utilizing small produce/product displays and lists on signage or chalkboards to communicate product lists and availability while keeping produce for sale in larger bins that are covered and out of reach of customers. Online ordering via email or pre-bagged orders are options that can be considered by markets/vendors as well as drive-up systems.
- 4. The use of reusable bags:** Farmers' market managers, market staff, as well as vendors and their employees, shall not perform bagging of produce if reusable bags are utilized until further notice. Vendors may choose to use recyclable paper bags, compostable plastic bags or single-use plastic bags during COVID-19 response operations in the Commonwealth.
- 5. Should farms/vendors be disinfecting produce?** As noted above, there is no indication that COVID-19 is transmitted via produce. The virus is thought to be spread mainly from person to person according to the CDC. For most farms the level of operational change and amount of disinfectant needed to disinfect produce is unrealistic. If you are using a disinfectant on produce, please follow the instructions located on the label of the product to find directions on the proper use of the product.
- 6. Market/Vendor Display cleaning/sanitizing:** Vendors are encouraged to limit the use of tablecloths in order to make it easier to clean and sanitize table surfaces, or utilize a sheet of clear plastic over the top of the tablecloth to facilitate increased cleaning and sanitizing of contact surfaces. Vendors should clean and sanitize their displays, including their tables and items used to display produce in, at the end of every market and at intervals during market operation. Markets are recommended to discontinue the use of display items that cannot be cleaned and sanitized. The virus that causes coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can be stable for several hours to days on surfaces, up to 24 hours on cardboard and up to two to three days on plastic and stainless steel <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces>.
- 7. Can Markets/vendors use bleach as a sanitizing agent on contact surfaces?** Yes, you can also follow the CDC guidance and use a mixture of bleach and water (5 tbsp per gallon or 4 tsp per quart).
- 8. What should Markets/CSAs and vendors use for disinfection and sanitizing?** The EPA has provided a list of disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing COVID-19. Very few of these products are common on the farm and may be hard to find. If you are currently using a sanitizer as part of a standard cleaning and sanitizing procedure for hard surfaces on your farm, you can use the produce at Market or on bins and containers

used for CSA deliveries. Consider reviewing the label for that product and using it for disinfection of specific high-touch surfaces if applicable.

9. **Hand washing/hygiene:** Markets are encouraged to make available supplies for event staff and participants to promote personal hygiene practice during COVID-19 response, including but not limited to portable sinks equipped with soap and paper towels, hand sanitizers and paper towels. Hand washing stations can be brought in by the market for customer and vendor use. Hand sanitizer stations can be useful, though should not be used as a replacement for handwashing. (Masks are not recommended for healthy adults unless they are caring for someone with COVID-19.)
10. **Gloves:** Market managers, staff and vendors must utilize disposable gloves at all times during market/CSA operations. Gloves can provide a barrier between hands and produce, preventing transmission of pathogens. They can also be a good reminder not to touch your face. Remember however, that gloves can be a source of contamination if not used properly. Follow [CDC glove removal guidelines](#). Please remember to [follow hand washing guidelines](#) recommended by the CDC before putting on gloves and between glove change-outs.
11. **Money Handling:** Markets and vendors should minimize cash transactions. If more than one person is working the table, vendors should designate one person to handle money and another to handle produce/product. Vendors can round their prices to the nearest dollar so they can reduce the acceptance of coins, and minimize the handling of change. Wipe down credit card readers and POS equipment periodically and between transactions. Online payment application platforms used on smartphones, such as Venmo or PayPal, are a viable option to facilitate transactions at markets and farm stands.
12. **Establish Relationships:** Communicate with key community partners such as local health departments and the site host of your market and collaborate with them on broader planning efforts during COVID-19 response.
13. **Plan for Cancellations:** Identify actions to take if you need to cancel the market, such as communications with customers and vendors. Share planned closure communication strategy and channels with vendors in advance. If you do need to close, consider alternative ordering and distribution methods. Consider suspending penalties for last minute vendor cancellations.
14. **Customer/Consumer Education and Outreach:** Keep market staff, vendors and customers updated on market information and guidelines and ensure folks who are sick stay home. Emphasize that protecting public health is paramount to your market and describe any changes to market procedures to prevent the spread of infection. Use health messages and materials developed by credible public health sources such as your local public health department, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health or CDC/NIH to encourage your event staff and participants to practice good personal health habits. Let your customers know what steps you are taking to keep them and your market venue/farm stand/CSA safe.

Future Updates

This information is based on what we know now and will be updated as we learn more.

Please visit www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19 for updates.



Tommy Leonard
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael DiGiano, Exec. Director FEDIC

FROM: Frank Duffy, Town Counsel

RE: Recovery Loan Program

DATE: May 8, 2020

CC: Julian Suso, Town Manager

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, responded with a telephone call by staff counsel to our inquiry about the town's participation in the Recovery Loan Program. Essentially Mass. DOR concurs with the previously reported assessment of the Recovery Loan Program and further attention is necessary to square it with the relevant statutes.

G.L. c. 121C is the enabling act for all EDICs in Massachusetts. It was enacted in 1972 to promote urban redevelopment and enable cities and towns to establish an agency to clean up and revitalize blighted areas of the community. EDICs are the independent legal entities given specific powers for this purpose. In carrying out its purposes, an EDIC is limited to the specific powers and duties set forth in section 5 and other relevant sections of the statute. The EDIC efforts to promote its statutory purpose focus on economic development projects within defined economic development areas. The projects and areas are approved by town meeting votes. Its loans and economic assistance must relate to an economic development project within an economic development area and be secured by mortgages. The DOR reported that G.L. c. 121 is not tailored for the Recovery Loan Program and it is likely outside the limits of the EDIC's statutory authority. The DOR noted that a special act of the Legislature could enable the Falmouth EDIC to create and administer the proposed Recovery Loan Program. The special act would also address the Massachusetts Constitution prohibition to use public funds for private business purposes.

The Town of Falmouth cannot allocate public funds to the Recovery Loan Program until there are in effect assurances that the EDIC is on solid legal grounds to create and administer the program. The EDIC and its counsel are encouraged to investigate the benefits and efficacy of special legislation to move forward with its proposed program.

Please note that this memorandum does not address the independent issue of how the town would contribute funds to a properly authorized Recovery Loan Program. Whether the Board of Selectmen has proper authority to allocate funds to the program or whether a town meeting appropriation is necessary are questions to be resolved by the town.

INFORMATION SHEET:
Article #14 - Annual Town Meeting Spring 2020
Appropriation to Hire 8 New Firefighters
5-1-2020

As printed in the Town Meeting Warrant Handbook:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of hiring eight (8) additional firefighters for Fiscal Year 2021 contingent upon voter approval of a proposition 2½ override ballot question. Or do or take any other action on the matter. On request of the Board of Selectmen.

RECOMMENDATION (Finance Committee): That the Town will vote to appropriate \$971,507 for the purpose of funding the salaries and benefits of 8 firefighters for Fiscal Year 2021 contingent upon voter approval of the passage of a proposition 2 ½ override ballot question under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C.

Executive Summary:

As context for this proposal to increase Fire Department staffing, it is helpful to understand three related changes to the Fire & Rescue Department staffing model that take effect on July 1, 2020:

- 1) The Town has committed to eliminating the practice of deploying engine and ladder trucks with only one firefighter/EMT/paramedic. For many years, the Department has commonly resorted to deploying engines and ladders from all 5 fire stations with only one firefighter due to staffing limits and activity levels.
- 2) The shift commander will have greater flexibility to determine when to call in additional personnel during the middle of a shift as needed in response to particular incidents.
- 3) The minimum number of firefighters at the start of shift will increase from 10 to 14.

Adding 8 positions to the budget will result in two additional positions for each 24-hour shift once the positions are filled and the new hires have completed fire academy training, a process which takes 8–12 months. These added positions will enable the Fire Department to increase start of shift staffing from 14 to 16 per shift and facilitate adherence to the 2-firefighter per engine/ladder minimum while continuing to operate all five existing fire stations until completion of a new fire station. It should be noted that, although firefighters are assigned to a particular station at the start of each shift, the allocation of available Department personnel is determined by the Chief, and managed by the shift commander on an hour-to-hour, minute-to-minute basis based on the number of personnel available and where the personnel are most needed at any given moment. For example, it is not unusual for firefighters assigned to Headquarters to respond to a call in East Falmouth. As such, increasing the number of firefighter/EMTs/paramedics on duty for each shift improves response times for the entire Town.

The tax impact of the proposed override would be 8 cents on the tax rate. The increase in the tax bill for a home with a median assessed value of \$378,000 would be \$30.24 per year.

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Overview of Fire Department Staffing Changes

- 7 Positions added over past 5 years.
- 2 Additional Positions proposed within FY2021 Operating Budget, which do NOT require a Proposition 2 ½ Override.
- 8 Additional Positions proposed under Town Meeting Article #14; funding for these positions does require approval of a Proposition 2 ½ Override.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many Firefighters does the Town have now?

The table below reflects a steady increase in the number of Fire Department budgeted positions in recent years. All firefighters, lieutenants and captains respond to both fire calls and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls and are required to hold at least an EMT certification. Most personnel hold the more advanced paramedic certification which is required to perform Advanced Life Support.

Budgeted Positions					
	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Firefighters	49	50	51	54	56
Lieutenants	4	4	4	4	4
Captains	4	4	4	4	4
TOTAL	57	58	59	62	64

Note: Above counts do not include Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Inspectors or administrative staff who do not routinely respond to calls.

2. How many budgeted positions will the Town have in FY2021?

FY2020 Approved Positions	64
FY2021 Proposed New Positions Funded Within Budget - No Override Required	2
FY2021 Proposed New Positions Under Article #14 - Override Required	8
FY2021 TOTAL assuming all proposed positions approved	74

3. Why are so many new positions needed at this time?

The need for these positions is driven by two factors.

- a. The number of calls has increased steadily for many years. Recent Fire Department staff increases have helped but are still not sufficient to meet current needs. Total Fire

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Department calls have increased from 4,217 in 1999 to 8,159 in 2019.

- b. The 10 added positions for FY2021 are needed to implement the new 2-Firefighter per engine/ladder minimum in a manner which does not cause a significant increase in response times for any area of Town. The department has historically relied on an obsolete practice of sending one Firefighter in an engine or ladder to respond to fire and EMS calls when there were not enough personnel on duty to send two. The Town has added 7 positions in the last five years to improve service levels within available budget constraints. Even with these 7 added positions, there are not enough Fire Department personnel to eliminate the one-firefighter response without compromising response times. Deploying one Firefighter to a call does not provide for an effective response to protect public safety. A minimum of two firefighter/EMTs are required to staff a Basic Life Support ambulance in Massachusetts. Further, deploying one Firefighter compromises the safety of our first responders. Beginning July 1, 2020 the Town has committed to ending this practice. The decision to eliminate the one Firefighter response is driven by public safety concerns and is also codified in the union contract.

4. How will these new positions improve services?

The 8 additional positions included in Article #14 will allow the Fire Department to increase the start of shift minimum staffing from 14 Firefighters to 16 Firefighters. These positions, in combination with the positions added over the last five years without an override, will make possible a dramatic improvement in staffing levels which in turn will improve effective response times. As recently as FY2018, the Department operated with a 10 Firefighter start of shift minimum. The added staff will improve the effectiveness of Fire Department responses throughout the entire town, significantly enhancing public safety.

5. How long does it take to hire and train a new Firefighter?

Under typical circumstances, it takes 8 – 12 months from budget approval to hire and train a new Firefighter. Presently, the Fire Academy has been shut down due to Covid-19 so this timeline may be longer. As of the printing of this document, we do not have a confirmed date for Town Meeting and we cannot predict the date that these new personnel will be able to cover shifts.

6. Why, if the vast majority of calls are for ambulances, do we need more Firefighters or would EMTs or Paramedics be the better choice?

Every Falmouth Firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain is also an EMT or paramedic and all respond to both fire and medical calls. This dual training is the most cost effective way to provide fire and medical response service to the community and it is the standard model throughout the Commonwealth.

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7. What are the national and/or state safety standards for response times? And how does Falmouth compare?

Our effective response times are going to improve with an increase in staffing at the start of shift from a minimum of 10 before FY2019 to a minimum of 14 beginning FY2021. There is no national response time requirement. There are two sets of National Fire Protection Association "standards" which are guidelines only: one for areas served by professional firefighter/EMT/paramedics such as Falmouth; and another for those served by volunteers.

The NFPA "standard" (guideline) calls for arrival on the scene within 6 minutes. Most municipalities do not meet this standard. Falmouth's average response time for calendar 2019 was 7.9 minutes which is comparable to the data found in a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (10/2017):

- Urban areas average EMS response time 7 minutes
- Suburban average EMS response time 7.7 minutes
- Rural average EMS response time 14.5 minutes

8. What is the current thinking on applying for a SAFER Grant? Is it dependent or independent of the FY2021 budget?

The SAFER grant is not a good solution for adding 8 firefighter/EMT/Paramedics in a community bound by the limitations of proposition 2 ½. The SAFER grant provides only 75% reimbursement for two years, then 35% for the third year, then zero reimbursement. The problem is Falmouth cannot absorb the wages and benefits of 8 additional positions in the third and fourth years without either an override or significant reductions to other departments. If we accept a SAFER grant, then fail to pass an override three years later, we will be faced with the unacceptable choices of laying off firefighters or eliminating positions in other departments.

9. Can the Town afford to hire 8 new firefighters given the economic uncertainties presented by the Coronavirus pandemic?

Hiring 8 new firefighters as proposed in Article #14 is conditioned on approval of an override of Prop. 2 ½ to fund the full cost of the additional firefighters. The override provides a reliable revenue source – additional real estate taxes. Whether taxpayers approve the override is a question to be decided by the voters.

10. What is the cost to the owner of a typical single-family homeowner if Article #14 and the associated Proposition 2 ½ override are approved?

The tax impact of the proposed override would be 8 cents on the tax rate. The increase in the tax bill for a home with a median assessed value of \$378,000 would be \$30.24 per year.

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11. What is the breakout of wages and benefits included in the \$971,507 cost to hire 8 Additional Firefighters?

Yearly Salary	63,470
Retirement Assessment	16,710
Holiday pay	3,121
Medicare 1.45%	920
Health Ins (Family Plan)	20,000
Educational Incentive (Associates Degree)	1,000
LOD/111F Insurance	678
Life Ins	9
Uniform	1,680
Protective Gear	3,350
Fire Academy	9,910
Staff Development (Test and Textbooks)	590
Total Cost	121,438

The chart shows the initial total cost to hire a single firefighter/EMT/paramedic. Not all the costs are annual but there is future training and protective gear replacement that should be considered. Staff development is ongoing while textbooks would be a one-time cost.

12. Is it possible to use temporary workers and/or interns to fill the staffing gaps while the permanent fire/rescue staffing is brought up to what is deemed necessary over several years?

No. In order to maintain safety standards, employees of the Falmouth FD need to be fire academy trained, fully qualified, and medically certified. In order to enroll in the Massachusetts Fire Academy, one needs to be a full-time employee of a MA fire department.

13. Is it feasible to have 10 recruits for the Falmouth Fire Department be trained concurrently at the fire academy?

Under normal circumstances, it is reasonable to anticipate 10 recruits can be placed in fire academy training such that they will be trained within 8 – 12 months. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the fire academy completion may be delayed.

14. Could the Town contract with a private ambulance company and locate them in the West Falmouth Station area of operation? Is there a cost estimate for this option?

A preliminary investigation indicates this is not a viable option.

REPORT

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Julian M. Suso



DATE: May 8, 2020

- Selectmen will consider multiple housekeeping items at your virtual meeting next Monday evening. This will include a request for \$79,000 in AFCEE funding to pursue phase one of the Mill Pond restoration project.
- The Falmouth Farmer's Market is coming forward with an "expanded" footprint to facilitate compliance with social distancing along guidelines issued by the Commonwealth. Fortunately, the marina park setting has sufficient room to accommodate such an expansion (as compared to Peg Noonan Park, for instance). They also request the annual fee waiver which the Board has granted in the past.
- Scott McGann will join us once again for an update on COVID-19 issues.
- Representatives are requesting the anticipated consideration of the Board for the proposed renaming of the pedestrian crossing from the Quarterdeck to Town Hall Square as "Tommy Leonard Walkway." As you will recall, this will ultimately also include a stone monument in the small green area on the Town Hall Square side.
- As you know, Frank Duffy has provided a written update to the EDIC on a confirmation of the issues he raised at your meeting last Monday on the proposed Loan Recovery Program.
- We are preparing a short power point presentation on the proposed Town Meeting Article 14/Override issue which will be a timely reminder of the many steps taken in regard to this prior to the COVID-19 pandemic "shutdown" that has unfortunately played havoc with our normal information and public meeting process since mid-March.
- There will be a brief discussion on a coming expanded regional discussion on management of public beaches in which we will certainly be participating. Much awaits directives/orders to be forthcoming from Governor Charlie Baker very soon. As you know, the Governor has convened a "re-opening" Advisory Task Force which is reviewing this and other critical issues.
- The Main Street Water Main replacement project continues as does the Queens Buyway/Palmer Avenue improvement.
- Stay safe.