

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Open Session**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019**  
**ROOM 105**  
**LAWRENCE SCHOOL**  
**113 LAKEVIEW AVENUE**  
**FALMOUTH, MA 02540**

Present: Susan Moran, Chairperson; Megan English Braga; Doug Jones; Sam Patterson; Doug Brown.

Others Present: Julian Suso, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager.

1. Chair Moran called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Discuss/Vote Motions and Reports to Town Meeting as Needed
  - a. Article 28  
Mr. Suso noted suggested recommendation for effective date on 1/1/2020. This is the hotel tax article and with input at precinct meetings since this is new and many questions. This is the increase of 1% specific to Falmouth, all state mandated changes go in effect 7/1/19.  
  
**Mr. Brown motion to delay implementation to 1/1/2020 to 1% increase. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**
  - b. Other articles  
Article 15: The Finance Committee took favorable action to recommend \$65,000 from free cash to replace the FFD bucket truck.
3. Discuss, Consider and Vote Date for November 2019 Town Meeting  
  
**Mr. Jones motion to approve 11/12/19 for the Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting. Second Ms. English Braga. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**
4. Proclamation: Falmouth Chamber of Commerce 2019 Citizen of the Year Laura Lorusso Peterson  
**Ms. English Braga read the proclamation as a motion. Second Chair Moran. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**
5. Vote to approve application for special one-day wine and malt liquor license – Woods Hole Public Library, 581 Woods Hole Rd. – Sunday, 4/14/19  
**Ms. English Braga motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**
6. Vote to approve Conservation Commission application to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program (MVP) for MVP Action Grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the Coonamessett River Restoration Project: Phase 2 Construction  
  
Dr. Gladfelter noted that there has been an update and request will be \$767,000 as updated by the engineering firm.  
  
Attorney Duffy noted that this may be approved as presented with the revised amount, if the BOS so chooses.  
  
**Mr. Patterson motion to approve for the \$767,000 amount. Second Ms. English Braga. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**

7. Vote to approve Coastal Resiliency Action Committee/Woods Hole Group application to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program (MVP) for MVP Action Grant for Coastal Resiliency Planning for Surf Drive

Charlie McCaffrey, Coastal Resiliency Action Committee (CRAC) Chair described vulnerability study of Town assets up to 2070. This would take a section of shoreline from Trunk River to shore drive and look at town infrastructure and natural resources and make recommendations and strategies. This model will be applied to the entire Town shoreline. This will be a topic at village association meetings.

Melissa Freiteg explained that the third component is to include public outreach and education. This reflects the first recommendation from municipal vulnerability workshop from last year.

Preliminary budget numbers are \$95,000.

**Mr. Brown motion to approve. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**

8. Follow up discussion on potential vote to authorize the application for CPC grant application by DPW for bikeway extension, as requested by the Friends of Falmouth Bikeways and the Falmouth Bikeways Committee

Mr. Suso explained that since the last BOS meeting, he has reviewed available information from Bourne and they have funds for phase 1 design in Bourne and have been much emails exchanged, but no construction money voted or available. Plans to acquire it and future funding in 2024 potentially that would be for phase 1 alone, not for the additional 3 phases. Phase 1 is on a 5 year track at best; northern extension proposed for Falmouth would not be connecting to anything in Bourne until all their phases are complete. Mr. Suso suggested to the BOS that given the aggressive work program in DPW, including a number of bikeway related projects, he asks that if the BOS wants to substitute this project for 1 or more of the others he encourages that rather than add another project to the DPW projects.

Peter McConarty provided anticipated completion dates for the bikeways related projects, which is about 3 years at this time.

Leonard Johnson, Friends Falmouth Bikeways, provided a document to the BOS and noted no action will be required by the DPW for about 2 or more years and the Planning Department may be involved in this process as well.

Patty Johnson noted that Bourne has dropped the order of their because of significant issues on 2 or 3 phases. They want to do this section, which is relatively simple. This CPC grant is for money to match the grant and make application to the MA trails grant.

Chair Moran said there is an involved planning committee at the State House that appreciated the extent of the organization and planning that Bourne included continuous communities. The BOS is trying to get in line when the time comes and it is well coordinated.

Peter McConarty commented summer fiscal year 2021, which is about 2 years from now. They are on a 3 year program; someone would have to work with a designer. In the past with Bikeway projects, the previous Town Engineer and Planner worked together during planning/design and then the DPW would take it over.

Scott Lindell, noted this is a 10-year project, Bourne decided north end and make sense to combine forces in the two towns. Falmouth should do this on their timeline and need CPC funding to get going. Thereafter, it could be pushed to winter 2022, no one would push that back or take funds away.

This will come back to town meeting

**Chair Moran motion to support the CPC application. Second Ms. English Braga. Vote: Yes-2 (Chair Moran and Ms. English Braga.) No-3 (Mr. Jones, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Brown.)**

9. Minutes of Meetings: these items were tabled.
  - a. Public Session:

January 26, 2019

March 5, 2019

- b. Review of Executive Session Minutes and Vote to Release

10. Other Business As Needed

**Mr. Jones motion to continue this meeting to tomorrow night. Second Ms. English Braga. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**

**Mr. Jones motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Second Ms. English Braga. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves  
Recording Secretary