

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

Present: Megan English Braga, Chair; Doug Brown, Vice Chair; Doug Jones; Sam Patterson.

Absent: Ms. Moran.

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

1. Call to Order by Chair English Braga at 7 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Proclamation – White Ribbon Day – March 12, 2020
Chair English Braga read the proclamation as a motion. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Richard Duby told the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that the event is 3/12/20 at 9 a.m. at Hermann Room in the Library with guest speakers. Provided a history of the organization, in U.S. it is mainly organized by women, but this is not a women only problem.

4. Recognition
Mr. Brown attended funeral of Chace Soares, his brother is still in the hospital. Prayers are with the family.
5. Announcements-none.
6. Public Comment

Mark Finneran, 98 Grande Ave., 4-5 years ago he brought up streets of Falmouth Heights on Worcester Court, the stop signs are run, often and a danger. He requested a pair of stop signs in that area.

Amy Sellers, 16 Old Dock Rd., she was surprised when she saw the fire station will remain open, yet only if firefighters volunteer to staff it on an overtime basis. Chair English Braga noted this is on the agenda.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Administrative Orders
 - a. Vote to Approve Application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)
Chief Small made a PowerPoint presentation. The AFG is a federal program that has been around for at least 15 years; Falmouth has participated twice in this program for purchase of fire rescue boat and improvements to protective gear and breathing apparatus. It is a yearly grant, the federal government pays 90% and the Town pays 10%. He is looking for 2 ambulances to be retrofit with power load system and he would also like to get an air compressor; the current compressor is no longer in service. He provided a demonstration of what the 2 older ambulances in the fleet work to load patients.

Mr. Jones noted this is in the capital budget, Mr. Suso noted the size of the fire budget is okay and the Town can handle it. They are awaiting input from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.
 - b. Approve Grant of Revocable License to Thomas L. Messer, Marysia F. Messer and Joanna Bennett to Maintain a Retaining Wall at 190 Goeletta Drive, East Falmouth

Marysia Messer present. Attorney Matt Terri, Ament Klauer Law Firm, representing the applicant asked for this license to maintain 4 sq. feet of retaining wall that was constructed inadvertently into the private way of Goeletta Drive, it extends into the legal limit of the road. Encumbrance in name only, on the ground it appears well behind the driveway and landscaping that is the access point of the property. The wall was constructed in the last year or so to mitigate run off from installation of a septic system and there was prior conversation with the Town around the retaining wall, good quality, and looking for license to maintain the small portion of the wall that goes onto Town land. License would be revocable by the Town for any reason. Addressed all Mr. McLoughlin's comments in the revised plan as of 1/28/20. The owner be identified on exhibit, Goeletta Drive labeled as public, existing monumentation, and telephone pole shown on the exhibit.

James McLoughlin, Town Engineer, reviewed the revised plan and recommend approval. There is no sightline blockage, it is off to the side at the end, it is behind a telephone pole and pedestal, and it is also low to the ground.

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- c. Approve Grant of License Temporary Seasonal Canvas Vestibule Water Street Kitchen, 56 Water Street, Woods Hole

Mr. Suso expected a representative for the applicant be present. This item was held for a representative to be present to answer questions.

- d. Vote to Designate Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee–Future Fire Station as Special Municipal Employees for Purposes of the Conflict of Interest Law

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- e. Vote to Transmit Letter of Concern to State – Trunk River Bikeway Protection Revetment

James McLoughlin, Town Engineer, showed photos from last October's storm and handed to the BOS. The area adjacent to the parking lot further down towards Woods Hole subject to a number of storm damage events. Explained the area in relation to the Pond, those areas prevent construction of a revetment because of definitions under DEP; a new revetment is not allowed, only repair of an existing one. There is evidence of large revetment stone, based on this evidence, they are allowed and permitted to rebuild that section of the revetment. Showed the plan approved in 2015 and what was constructed a couple years ago. An area past that has no evidence of revetment stone, only sand nourishment. He reviewed the proposed revetment site plan. This may continue to erode and will need to be repaired more frequently.

The DEP turned it down because it was not allowed by regulation; either solution is not a panacea.

This letter would be a record that the Town will do what they were told, but do not agree given the Town's experience and knowledge.

Mr. Johnson-Staub showed a few photos of the area where the revetment ends and the catastrophic damage.

Mr. Jones motion approval to send the letter to the DEP, Governor, and State Legislature. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

2. Special Events

Recurring - Recommended:

- a. Seagull Six Spring Classic Road Race – Start/Finish Woods Hole Community Center, Water St. – Sunday, 3/29/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- b. Falmouth Village Association

1) Easter Egg Scramble – Library Lawn and Peg Noonan Park – Saturday, 4/18/20

2) Concerts in the Park – Peg Noonan Park – Thursdays, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 and 7/31/20

- 3) Arts & Crafts Street Fair – Main St. (Post Office Rd. to Shore St. Ext.) – Wednesday, 7/8/20
(Rain date Thursday, 7/9/20)
- 4) Movies in the Park – Peg Noonan Park – Wednesdays, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19 and 8/26/20
- 5) Holiday Stroll – Queens Buyway to Main St. to Shore St. Ext. and Peg Noonan Park –
Saturday, 12/5/20

Mr. Jones motion approval of items 1, 2, 4, and 5. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Jones troubled with item 3 due to traffic and disruption to the Town during that day and not an event he is in favor of. Mr. Patterson noted it is an annual event many look forward to inside and outside Falmouth.

Patricia Cosgrove said it brings a lot of traffic to visit the local merchants; they thrive that day as well and given the opportunity to display their wares on the street at booths or storefront. They have worked hard to organize the event so at the end of the day you would never know it was there. This event gives the Town great visibility and allows the Village Association to put on other events at no cost to the Town. Mullen Hall is exhibitor space parking and they encourage use of the Lawrence School for street fair parking, they have someone on traffic control there.

Chair English Braga noted sidewalks get squeezed and wheelchair/stroller navigation is difficult, she would like the sidewalks to remain open for use. Ms. Cosgrove said there will be access to all areas sidewalks to wheelchairs and walkways will be 8 feet between all the groups.

Chief Dunne said they post that area and the Falmouth Police Department (FPD) enforces it. Last year there were no issues with Gifford Street, Shore Street is enforced by FPD. There were times when Katharine Lee Bates road had accidents, but by posting and enforcing they have had no problems.

Mr. Brown motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- c. Liam Maguire's Irish Pub Almost Five Miler – Start/Finish Town Hall Square – Sunday, 5/10/20
Russ Pelletier, King Street, present. No road closures.

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- d. Spring at Spohr – Spohr Gardens, Fells Road – Saturday, 5/16/20 (Rain date Saturday, 5/23/20)

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- e. Stroll & Roll for CCALS – Bourne Farm–Bike Path–Old Dock Rd. – Saturday, 5/16/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- f. Falmouth Farmer's Market – Marina Park – Thursdays, 5/28/20 – 10/8/20 + Tuesday, 11/24/20

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Chair English Braga. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- g. Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride Cape Cod – Shining Sea Bike Path – N. Falmouth to Woods Hole to N. Falmouth – Friday, 5/29/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- h. Pedal to Parcels – Start/Finish Andrews Farm – Sunday, 5/31/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- i. Falmouth Classic Car Club Cruise In Car Show – Marina Park – Sundays: 6/14/20, 7/19/20 and 8/9/20

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Johnson-Staub will send notification to all special event applicants that single-use plastic ban will be adopted in September 2020, also asking for solid waste and recycling plan.

- j. Juneteenth Festival – Peg Noonan Park, Saturday, 6/20/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- k. Falmouth Education 5K – Falmouth Heights Ball Field Start/Finish – Sunday, 6/21/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- l. Walk for HOPE – Start/Finish Village Green – Sunday, 6/28/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- m. Run Jack Run Family Fun Run/Walk – Trotting Park Soccer Field and Track – Saturday, 7/4/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- n. Fourth of July Fireworks – Falmouth Heights Beach and Ball Field – Saturday, 7/4/20 (*Rain date Sunday, 7/5/20*)

Kevin Doyle, 346 Mill Rd., on behalf of the committee, honored to be a part of this and stage fireworks for the community. They will use the same vendor as last year. This year is the 40th year the committee has been tasked with fireworks and 400th year of Mayflower's arrival. They have activities beginning at 4 p.m. for food and entertainment.

Need t-shirts from 1992, 1994, and 1998 to put together the 40 years of book.

Chief Dunne noted the exit plan works and will continue with it and improve on it every year.

Mr. Brown motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- o. Falmouth Sprint Triathlon – Surf Drive Beach – Sunday, 7/12/20

Chief Dunne said the triathlon organization did road closure signs on their own, Mr. Suso told them it would not be done again without BOS approval.

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- p. Rockin' Recovery – Old Silver Beach and Parking Lots – Wednesday, 7/29/20 (*Rain date Thursday, 7/30/20*)

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- q. Coast Fest Concert – Marina Park/Bandshell – Saturday, 8/1/20

Last year Chair English Braga heard from a resident and commercial abutter, commercial abutter upset about overflow parking into his establishment and resident felt the music was very loud. It was more popular than people thought it would be last year and make sure they have parking plan in place. The event ends at 10 p.m.

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- r. Butterfly Garden Day – Spohr Gardens, Fells Road – Saturday, 8/8/20 (*Rain date Saturday, 8/15/20*)

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- s. Shakespeare at the Bandshell – Richard Mover – Bandshell – August 8, 10, 11, 2, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23

The BOS asked if there is a charge for this, Mr. Johnson-Staub believes it is free to public.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- t. The Falmouth Walk – Town Hall Square to St. Barnabas (sidewalks) – Saturday, 8/15/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- u. New Balance Falmouth Road Race – Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights – Sunday, 8/16/20

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- v. Rotary Club Craft Fair – Bandshell & Marina Park – Saturday, 9/5/20 and Sunday, 9/6/20 (*Rain date Monday, 9/7/20*)

Mr. Brown motion approval. Second Mr. Jones. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- w. Striper Fest – Marina Park and Bandshell – Saturday, 9/26/20 (*Rain date Sunday, 9/27/20*)

Chris Megan, owner On the Water, was present. Chair English Braga explained that people were concerned the event has outgrown the space, parking interfering with others trying to use their boats in the marina. They are opposed to the use of Marina Park for this event. Mr. Brown read a letter received by several individuals.

According to Mr. Megan, attendees come and go throughout the day, most traffic between 3-4 p.m. They have 2 busses running from Lawrence School where parking is encouraged. Tents are set up on Friday, block areas on Thursday night to make room to set up. Mr. Megan is willing to work with the people who wrote the letter. He also works with Gregg Fraser. No one parks along the stretch parallel to the harbor.

Mr. Johnson-Staub reached out to Gregg Fraser about whether there were any complaints; he said he had not heard of the complaints. Mr. Fraser suggested shuttle busses in and out of the marina after the event, he suggested a detail officer at Scranton Ave. and Main Street at the end of the event. The event is well organized and responsive.

Chair English Braga is inclined to approve with condition to meet with the folks who wrote the letter and alleviate their concerns.

Mr. Megan believes they have maxed out the number of people who will attend; many attendees are the same year after year. The trial boat number has not changed, sponsorships remain the same, and he does not anticipate growing more than it is now. They have it on the shoulder season. He knows the people who complained and is willing to reach out to them. They have monitors at the Lawrence School. With the partners they have, they would lose the group that comes in here if this event were transferred to the fairgrounds.

Mr. Jones approval with condition that Mr. Megan follow up with those who wrote the letter and then follow up with the Town Manager's Office. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- x. The Kirwin-Murray Memorial Bike Ride-Tour de Falmouth – Start/Finish Surf Drive Beach – Sunday, 10/11/20 (*Rain date Monday, 10/12/20*)

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- y. Falmouth in the Fall Road Race – Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights Beach – Sunday, 11/1/20

Mr. Jones motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- z. June Jog – Falmouth Heights to East Falmouth Elementary School – Sunday, 6/7/20

Mr. Brown motion approval. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- aa. ZOOMA Women’s Half Marathon & 10K – Sea Crest, North Falmouth, Bike Path, Old Silver Beach Lots – Sunday, 9/27/20

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Jones noted there would be no road closures for this event.

New – Recommended:

- a. Wedding Ceremony – Alfieri – Old Silver Beach – Saturday, 9/26/20
- b. Wedding Ceremony – Wright – Surf Drive Beach – Saturday, 6/6/20

Mr. Patterson motion approval of items a and b. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Recurring – Not Recommended:

- a. Bike Parade – Falmouth Village Association – Main Street to Shore St. Ext. – Saturday, 7/4/20
Not recommended because of concern about that weekend is so activity laden, the FPD does not have the resources to close Main Street.

Donna Buckley, Falmouth Village Association Board Member, explained this event is designed for families and children, about 20 years old, part of the 4th of July celebration and location is key for that. This year they tried to figure out an alternative and talked with the Chief about having a permit granted for 6/27/20.

Chief Dunne said 6/27 is more workable than 7/4. This event has become successful; it takes 1.5 hours and 9 police officers. The event is long, there are many participants, will still take 9 officers to get the children from Village Green to Mullen Hall. Parking is not restricted during the event.

The Village Association supports this event and was present. A couple years ago they had about 900 children, the application notes 200+. They post through social media about the road closing; The BOS would like them to post it on the road as well. Chief Dunne said they can do the street postings or in conjunction with the Village Association. FPD will provide signs about the temporary closure.

Mr. Brown motion approval for the amended date to 6/27/20. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Memorandum of Understanding with Fire Union

Mr. Suso explained that in January when hosted community meeting at the Falmouth High School (FHS), included was a review of 4 alternatives for enhancing staffing beginning 7/1/20. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) before the BOS tonight that has been worked out is in furtherance of one of those alternatives; provide voluntary overtime for two firefighters on each shift beginning 7/1/20.

Chair English Braga noted this has been discussed for a while, ongoing dialogue to best address public safety. The Falmouth Fire Department Chief, Firefighters Union President, and Vice President have signed the MOU. Chair English Braga read the MOU. Town has budgeted resources and included 2 firefighters per shift to work overtime and assigned to West Falmouth Fire Station.

Mike Mueller, President Falmouth Firefighters union, he polled union membership and about 70% of members responded to the poll about 85% said they would be interested in working additional overtime at the West Falmouth Fire Station. The overtime that has been available will not be available after 7/1/20, so it is more likely that the 2 shifts of overtime will be taken.

Chair English Braga noted theoretically the West Falmouth Station is an easier shift; it is just the engine, not tasked with bringing anyone to the hospital and following through with that stuff. You do the first responding, ambulance shows up, and then you go back to the station.

Amy Sellers, 16 Old Dock Rd, FPD not allowed to take vacation on 4th of July, what if no one volunteers for overtime at West Falmouth Station that weekend? Chair English Braga said that if 1-person volunteers and not 2, that 1 person will go to North Falmouth, but the goal will be to get people to work those days and think about high peak days during the summer. There is no 100% guarantee 365 until there is a new station. If they get the override passed and once hire 8 more firefighters, there will be additional resources. The BOS is putting forward the article regarding firefighters and question for override will hopefully result in additional firefighter. Mr. Jones noted they have hired 9 firefighters over the last 9 years, to do more they need an override.

Todd Taylor, West Falmouth, Retired firefighter, they are short staffed; staffing plan is different than they have now. July 1 there will be a 14 man minimum with 4 stations open. The override is important, but if it does not pass maybe the increased staffing in other stations can be put on hold until the new firefighters are on board. The volunteer positions at Station 4, he expects it will not be filled in the summer. There has to be a better way to do this. This is complicated and we should not slight a section of Town.

Mike Zmuda Woodland Road Precinct 3 suggested creating per diem firefighter and paramedics. Hourly rates would be paid and benefits not provided. Firefighters from other towns may be interested in per diem. The residency law, 15 mile limit, but per diem could be taken from a wider area. He would like this to be explored. Chair English Braga noted that this would need to be bargained with the union.

Mr. Suso said some issues raised are being discussed with the Finance Committee and he cautioned all not to oversimplify civil service rules, collective bargaining, and using per diem. There are a number of challenges and not a large pool of individuals, they have explored that but it is not a reasonable solution. He appreciates the union's comments about the polling of the union, he feels positive about the support of the fire fighters. The level of participation and engagement is unprecedented here and appeals to the community to move forward with this issue to maintain operations in the West Falmouth Station.

According to Chief Small, if only one firefighter volunteers, than that firefighter will go to North Falmouth Station. Some may wait a little longer for service, but what they get from that larger crew will be significantly better.

Marc Finneran, hiring freeze in 2008 with the recession, the Town is late with addressing this problem. Short staffed at the DPW, this problem will continue for years. He expects more overrides will be needed in the future. The Town is not being maintained properly.

Mr. Suso noted that the 9 positions over 5 years were newly funded positions.

Chair English Braga noted that adding positions in the Fire Department and Police Department while also doing major projects need to be managed and balanced.

Maureen Harlow-Hawkes presented documents to the BOS. She is glad to see the FFD getting more support. Woods Hole has a volunteer and it is there 80% of the time-20% of the time the ambulance cannot leave. Now have volunteer and permanent position in Woods Hole-staffed with 1 person through voluntary overtime. Glad to see the grant being applied for, Chief's understanding is that preference is given for those communities hiring off the Safer Grant, they are holding available slots for those towns hiring through that grant. Need to look into the Safer Grant, she is disturbed that we have left \$1.5 million on the table each year. It is supposed to help budget so not looking at an override, if we had been doing this over the last few years we could slowly build up our resources.

Chief Small said that if all come to work, there will be an extra person that goes to Woods Hole. Previously, they would put that ambulance in and out of service 8 times daily. Now with voluntary person, that station staffed with 2 people about 80% of the time.

Chair English Braga said that you cannot apply for the Safer Grant unless you already have the money budgeted.

Mr. Suso noted the document provided by Ms. Harlow-Hawkes compares several communities, Barnstable does not have municipal fire department, and they have multiple fire districts. Yarmouth and Falmouth are legitimate comparison.

Mr. Jones motion approval of the MOU. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

2. Emerald House Property – Future Uses:

- a. Master Plan for 67 & 81 Davisville Rd.– Discussion of Potential Layout for Community Gardens and All Peoples Playground

Mr. Johnson-Staub made a PowerPoint presentation. They want to present the ideas being discussed.

Emerald House 67 Davisville Rd., 4.9 acres acquired for public recreation or municipal services, house is in excellent interior condition, half kitchen and half bath only. At the time it was sold to the Town, there was hope the use of the property would honor the Portuguese history of the Town.

81 Davisville Rd., about 4 acres and acquired for public use. One idea is inclusive playground, community garden, and may want to consider affordable housing blend the community gardens and/or playground.

No immediate proposal for the acreage, potential uses could be open space, affordable housing development. Showed plan of the inclusive playground/community garden.

Next steps include community meeting on proposed of the play space and community gardens; complete feasibility study and concept plan for the play space, BOS hold public hearing on final design; license agreement with Farm Falmouth for Community Garden; applications for Community Preservation Grants submitted for design and construction.

The focus tonight is on the land use being contemplated.

Mr. Brown feels the playground is a good idea and eventually there could be walking trails behind the playground.

Green Pond is a private road, may be a challenge to get access from there. The access could be the shared access parking or would be to enter the driveway to the Emerald House with a cutover to the playground. Need to look hard and go to Planning Board for site plan review for best access to the property. Playground lot takes up 1.6 acres. The BOS would like to explore the use for playground, community gardens, and affordable housing.

Mr. Suso noted sewer is not expected in that area soon.

Mr. Jones motion to approve the master plan. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- b. Historic Structure, 67 Davisville Rd. – Discussion of Potential Uses of Historic Structure, Terms for Future Lease

Uses are limited re: zoning. Include housing, agricultural, philanthropic, museum, municipal, among others allowed by right. Professional offices and retail are not permitted. Could consider sale of the Emerald House for affordable housing with deed restriction.

No provision for a use variance in the current bylaws. Only other potential would be a zoning change, problematic to make case for business zone.

The interior is not in good shape for residential use, affordable housing could be pursued with the existing structure. Public access was why the Town acquired the property. BOS likes idea of using for rest rooms, museum, supporting the farming and playground.

Next steps, if going to find occupant for Emerald House need to issue Request for Proposals. It has to be competitive and can be narrow or broad in focus for entities entertained for that structure.

The BOS discussed an RFP that is narrow enough to include something connected directly to Falmouth, non profit with connection to Falmouth or history of Portuguese or Cape Verdean, to really tell the story. Include the past farming and future farming. Under the last lease, there was contribution for maintenance based on percent of profit that went to a nonprofit and a minimum contribution to a maintenance fund.

Kathleen Haynes likes the ideas presented, but was concerned about the suggestion that 81 Davisville Road might be used for affordable housing and displace the playground. Biggest concern is that the play space has agreement with BOS to use property for the playground. They are planning a public forum for input and will talk with the DPW about a maintenance plan. She has talked to the community about having the Emerald House as a meeting for nonprofits and to be able to have security cameras at the playground. They are halfway to financing their own nonprofit status and prepared to take care of the maintenance. Other groups could meet there. They are planning to put together another grant by August for construction costs. Once the proposal and design are completed this will be the biggest inclusive playground in MA and a destination.

Richard Kendall, Precinct 4, they would like to leave a legacy behind about the farming, trying to get someone in the building to take materials. Whatever happens, much thought needs to be given about how we tell future generations what the farming was in Falmouth and what will happen when we do not have it anymore. The value of farm land and include a mission statement about telling future generations how hard it was to live and the history of strawberry farming in MA.

Dick Pooley, E. Falmouth, tried to get community garden plot at Falmouth Service Center, they were full, got one 2 years ago then notice no more garden. Started working with the Agricultural Commission and went after space for a new garden. Moved the garden to Andrews Farm, 60% occupancy last year. This year 100% occupied. This would be perfect place for community farm, marry the play space with the garden, raised bed, accessible. Looking for ½ an acre. There are 65 plots at Andrews Farm on 1/3 of an acre. Looking for open space, need fence, and irrigation.

3. Presentation of Playground Design – Fuller Field, 790 Main Street, Falmouth, MA

Mr. Johnson-Staub said this is to address construction of new playground at Fuller Field. Nancy White is the playground consultant contracted with to assist. Designs were drafted, taken to the Recreation Committee and Disability Commission, favorable recommendations from both. \$300k allocation and the next steps include BOS input, finalize design, procurement and construction, complete construction by July 1, 2020.

Nancy White provided plans of the inclusive playground. Most important thing is for them to be see through, it is wide open, colors are soft so they will blend in. Something for all children, things that kids can grow into, more independent pieces, merry go round at grade, net swing. Important to look at the entire experience, sensory, parallel play, and intergenerational play. Handicap parking spaces will be included and it meets all national regulations for ADA. 5,250 sq feet in size. Ms. White explained the location sited, 20 ft. high on 80 ft. long area. It will be chain linked in 4 ft. tall. Designed for no-low maintenance, the design will meet the accessibility but still have a lot of wood fiber that will require maintenance. The Falmouth Road Race has been working with money for the rubber. She suggested doing the rubber now, it is more expensive to do the rubber in the future, best to do it now. Poured in place rubber was best alternative, fencing posts will be installed first, then the poured in place will go behind a little and fold down to meet the grass. Location is far right corner, far away from baseball field, in right field corner. The poured in place rubber based on square footage will be higher cost by using both wood fiber and poured in place because it has to bevel down. It would be a \$45,000-50,000 cost difference partial poured in place and full poured in place. Good reception from Road Race Committee, may be willing to be a funding source. Potentially the senior center contingency funding could be used. Warranty on the pour in place is 7

years product and 7 years labor. May be a drop in head impact. Life expectancy based on installation, weather; install is very important.

Mr. Johnson-Staub suggested motion to proceed with full poured in place.

Burning or cutting is how it may be damaged, the contractor can cut the area out and replace. The rubber will be hot. Kids should not be in bare feet. Shade is needed, Mr. Johnson-Staub said they are working with Jeremiah Pearson on a landscape plan to bring in more mature trees for shading. Canopy over playground is out of the price range.

Mr. Brown motion to proceed with full poured in place rubber. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

4. Presentation of Draft Mission Statement for Transportation Management Committee

BOS discussed the updated draft in the packet. CCRTA and Cape Cod Commission and environmental concerns consulting with the committee was missing, the BOS added that to the statement.

Mr. DeWitt said there is an absence of other regional entities including the Cape Cod Commission, Steamship Authority, also no mention of accessibility, historical significant, public safety, and environment; all of which are important. Helpful to have a goal or vision of how the BOS sees an integrated transportation system for the Town. Public involvement: engage the public in discussions. Biggest transportation is the school department and there is no mention of them.

The BOS would like them to discuss the mission statement at the first few meetings.

Mr. Jones motion to approve the draft mission statement, take it out of draft, and to an accepted statement. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Suso noted that they are awaiting a Historical Commission designee, the BOS asked him to ask one more time and then move on so the committee will not be held up any longer. The BOS agreed they could get started even without the Historical Commission designee.

5. Minutes of Meetings:

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Mr. Patterson motion approval with edits. Second Mr. Brown. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

6. Individual Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Patterson:

Attended the School Committee meeting last week, there is a second artificial turf field proposal that needs to get on the BOS radar; for the field hockey fields near Old Campus Drive.

Attended the Fire Station Kick Off Meeting.

Mr. Brown:

Attended the Coastal Resilience Action Committee

Attended the Water Ways Committee, the dredging was half completed because the dredge broke.

Attended the Marks Building Committee that meets every other week.

Attended the Fire Station Committee meeting.

Attended the Water Quality Management Committee

Attended a Mill Pond Way discussion, Jen McKay attended and offered technical advice.

Attended the Composting Meeting at the recreation center, he would like to get food waste out of waste stream.

Mr. Jones:

Maybe need to get a dredge for the Town.

Attended the second SSA parking forum, but no one from MV has been appointed yet.

7. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Suso said the BOS will be convening tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Hermann Room, topics include FY 21 FFD budget and the BOS proposed override to fund the additional firefighters. This is the Finance Committee's meeting, the BOS will be providing answers but not voting on anything.

Mr. Jones motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves
Recording Secretary