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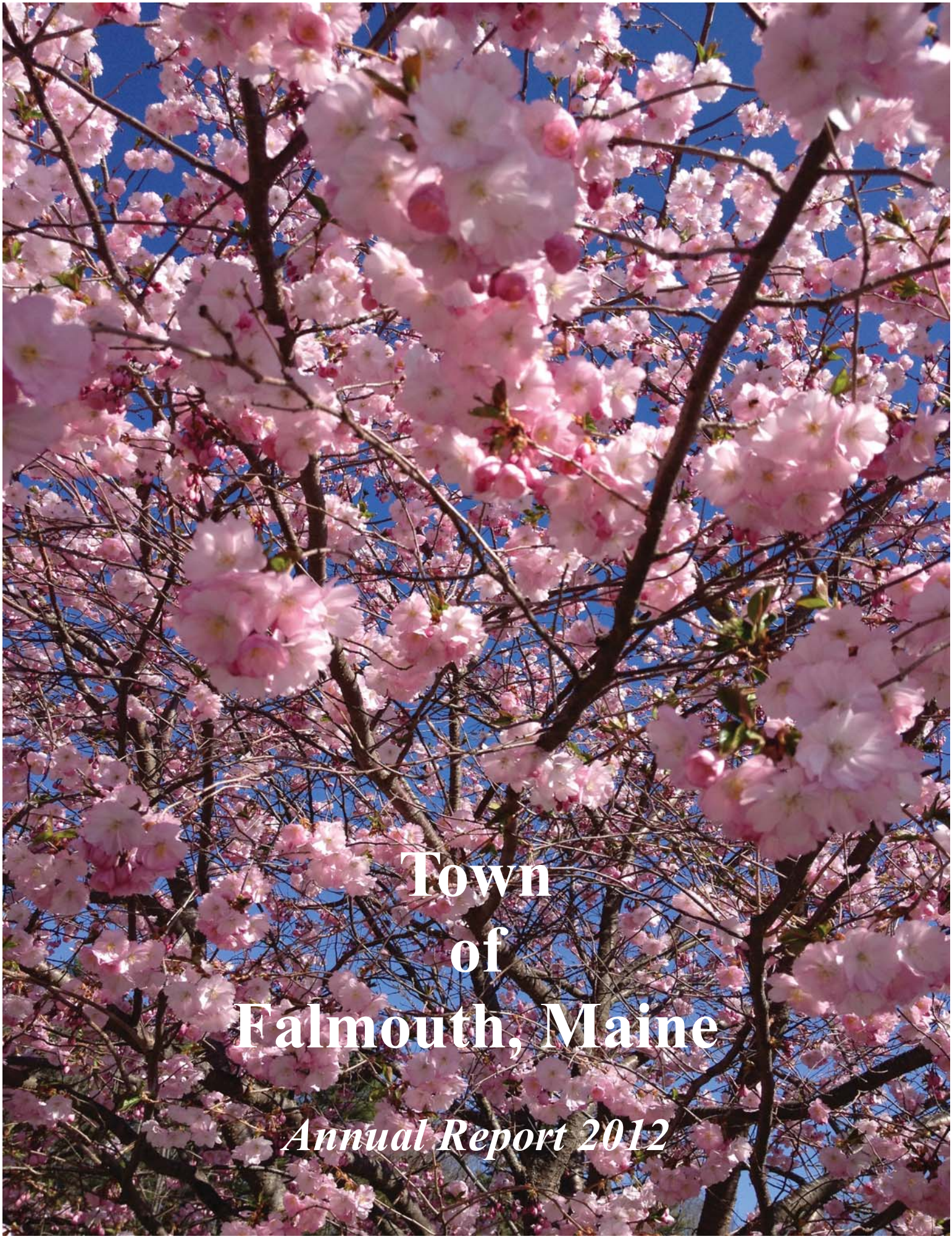

Town of Falmouth, Maine

Annual Report 2012

Town of Falmouth

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Nathan Poore,
Town Manager

Letter of Transmittal

To the Honorable Town Council and Citizens of Falmouth,

I am pleased to submit the 2012 Annual Report for the Town of Falmouth. This report offers a condensed summary of accomplishments and tasks completed by every town department. Volunteers serving our many boards and committees combined with the outstanding support of Town employees have positioned the Town to offer excellent services to the citizens and businesses of Falmouth. It takes more than a small group of volunteers and staff to manage and provide great services to a great community. The general public is relied upon to be informed and offer input on proposals, initiatives and funding of our larger projects.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions about how we conduct business in Falmouth. I don't typically offer any promises but I will promise that there is information and ideas that could help us better serve you. Please don't assume we are aware of every pot hole, rough patch in a playing field, or a better way to convey information on the Town's website. I look forward to hearing from you.

Last year, I reported that the Town's Annual Report would be restructured in 2013 and that we would not issue a report on fiscal year 2012 (ending June 30, 2012) until January 2014. We decided that one more interim report in June 2013 will better serve the community. We will still offer the next report in January 2014 and the new format will include additional financial information.

Much of the past year has been about planning for the future of Falmouth. It doesn't take too many decades or years to see how a community can change. Growth and change will happen but it is also important to protect heritage, honor our past, and promote growth and change in a manner that will maximize our chances to be a great community in the future.

The following examples illustrate the work of the Town Council, staff, and our many boards, and committees in their attempt to honor the past while looking to the future.

- The newly formed Veterans Memorial Committee will release a plan in 2013 that will ensure our Veterans have a place in our community to be honored and remembered for their service to our country.
- The Long Range Planning Advisory Committee has almost completed its effort to develop a revised Comprehensive Plan that will offer a strategy for growth in our community. This strategy will pay particular attention to historical growth patterns and opportunities to balance growth with what we like about Falmouth today.
- Local economic vitality has been and will continue to be a focus for the Town Council. A robust plan for improving the Route 1 corridor with zoning changes and infrastructure improvements will help support existing businesses and promote more business development. The Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee, in partnership with many local businesses, launched its first shop local campaign in 2012. The Plummer and Lunt elementary schools combined with the surrounding undeveloped land will be home to new medical offices, retirement homes, and associated services.
- A new heating fuel source may be available to Falmouth residents and businesses in the next couple of years. Officials from Falmouth, Cumberland, and Yarmouth, have been working with representatives of Summit Natural Gas to develop a bold plan to expand natural gas distribution lines throughout the three communities.
- Open space acquisition has been widely supported in Falmouth. With open space acquisition, there is a responsibility to manage land. Forestry and land management planning has begun and will likely be part of policy discussions for the Town in the next year.

The topics I chose to highlight look very familiar to those that were discussed in the 2011 Annual Report. If these projects proceed with citizen support, it is quite likely that you will read about them again next year. A consistent plan for bold projects can only be implemented over several years. Patience and perseverance has been a necessary ingredient for strategic planning at this level.

I am humbly honored and thankful to be part of a great organization with dedicated volunteer board and committee members and skilled and professional staff. All volunteers and staff deserve appreciation for their work as we move Falmouth forward while paying attention to what makes Falmouth a great place to visit, live and conduct business.

Sincerely,

Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager

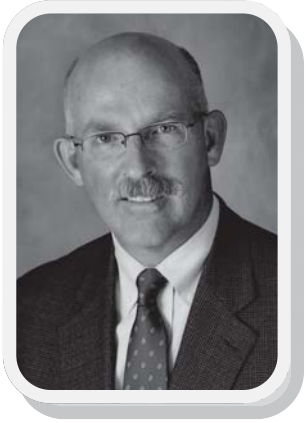
Town Council 2012-13

Faith Varney, Chair

Karen Farber

Sean Mahoney

Chris Orestis



Tony Payne

Teresa Pierce

Bonny Rodden, Vice-Chair

Town Meetings

Town Council
Workshop: 7:00 pm
2nd Monday of the month

Meeting: 7:00 pm
4th Monday of the month

Board of Zoning Appeals
6:30 pm
4th Tuesday of the month

Conservation Commission
7:00 pm
1st Monday of the month

Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee
4:00 pm
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Harbor Waterfront Committee
Call for Schedule

Long Range Planning Advisory Committee
7:00 pm
2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
4:00 pm
3rd Tuesday of the month

Planning Board
6:30 pm
1st Tuesday of the month

Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee
Call for Schedule

School Board
7:00 pm
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month

Most meetings are held at the Town Hall, 271 Falmouth Rd. The time and date of these meetings are subject to change. Contact the Clerk's Office at 781-5253 for confirmation of dates, times, and locations or visit www.town.falmouth.me.us

Boards and Committees

as of June 2013

APPOINTED

ASSESSMENT REVIEW & SEWER APPEALS
Lois Lengyel
Michael O'Connor
Tim O'Donovan
*Richard Olson
Mark Porada

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Willie Audet
Roland Beaudoin
Jonathan Berry
Stan Given
Dennis Keeler
*Fred Jay Meyer

BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS
Jonathan Brautigam
Sandra Davis
Pamela Fenrich - Alternate
William Gardiner - Alternate
*Bill Merten

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sarah Boudreau
Stephen Decrosta
*Mel Dickenson
Susan Gilpin
Jerry Goodall
Colin Jones
Nancy Lightbody

ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Ann Armstrong
Phil Bixby
Janice de Lima
Pat Kirby
Sandra Lipsey
*Bill Lunt
Anne Theriault

FALMOUTH TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Kevin Browne
Savas Gunduz
Caleb Hemphill
Stephen Hendry
Michael Loncoski
*Fred Masciangelo
David Snow

HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
Richard Craven
Paul Dobbins
*Richie Garrett
Jay Hallett
Manny Kourinos
Bill Oliver
Peter Thornton

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Nancy Lightbody
Diane Moore
*Jane Sudds

LONG RANGE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Paul Bergkamp
Becca Casey
Norman "Bud" French
Kurt Klebe
Sandra Lipsey
*Sam Rudman
Jim Thibodeau
Stephen Hendry
Rachel Reed

OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
John Adelman
*Mel Dickenson
Dave Gagnon
Caleb Hamphill
Ellen Klain
Bob Shafto

PARKS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Melanie Collins
Janet Lane Dye
*Karen Jones
Marylou Murphy
Dominic Scette-Ducati
Daniel Smith

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Donna Cheney
Stephen Decrosta
*Richard Garrett
Wing Goodale
David Skillin

PLANNING BOARD
William Benzing
Becca Casey
Jay Chace
Rudy Israel
*Bill Lunt
Bernard Pender
Kermit Stanley

RECYCLING AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Clifford Gilpin
Jeffrey Gramlich
John Haley
*Claudia King
Michelle Lamb
Jason Ronco
*Jed Wright

FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Allison Bishop
India Broyles
Rebecca Carrier
Brad Gilbert
Peter Goffin
Amy Kuhn
*Kim Millick
Mark Porada
Anne Shutz
Chantal Walker
Amy Winton

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Carol Kauffman
*Diane Moore
Ted Vail
Betsy Jo Whitcomb

* DENOTES CHAIR

Town Clerk

Ellen Planer,
Town Clerk

The office of the Town Clerk was first established in 1639 when the Massachusetts General Court required that each town have a clerk to record births and deaths, ownership of houses, and land.

Responsibilities of the Clerk's Department include:

- Registration of motor vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles, and boats
- Personal and real estate property tax collection
- Issuance of hunting and fishing licenses
- Issuance of dog licenses
- Vital Records Retention
- Election Administration
- Voter registration and maintenance of the voting list
- Custodian for all official town records
- Administration of the General Assistance program
- Notary services
- Updating ordinances
- Tax Collection

Elections Require the Work of Many Volunteers – THANK YOU!

We would like to recognize and thank all the citizens who took time out of their busy lives to serve as election officials. The success of our elections relies upon the dedication and work of our election workers.

Special thanks to: *Bonnie Anderson, MaryAnn Anderson, Jan Andrews, Kathleen Bouchard, Polly Burke, Rosemarie Carrier, Susanne Connolly, Mary Davis, Sandra Davis, Connie Dayton, Marge Devine, Colleen Donovan, Mary Louise Dyer, Nancy Goddard, Audrey Grassman, Richard Harris, Marjorie Hodges, David Humphrey, David Irish, Nancy Irish, Joan Jensen, Anita Jones, Judy Kane, Carol Katz, Beverley Knudsen, Dolores Kehoe, Dick Klain, Lois Lengyel, Sue Malcolm, Don McCrann, Barbara Merten, William Merten, Julie Metivier, Joan O'Toole, Patricia Parker, Richard Parker, Greg Payeur, Martha Payson, Leonora Perry, Robert Povall, Roger Pushor, Eydie Pryzant, Dolores Rimkunas, Nancy Riter, Kathy Roberts, Nancy Lee Snow, Susan Soule, Maytha Southard, Anne Theriault, Joanne Van Loenen, Deborah Walker, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Peggy Wood.*

Interesting Facts in 2012:

570 dogs were registered, 44 marriage licenses were issued, 76 births and 51 deaths occurred .

For more information about the Town Clerk's Department, please visit our website:
www.town.falmouth.me.us/Pages/FalmouthME_Clerk/index

Finance

Rob Boschen,
Finance Director

The Finance Department is responsible for:

- Recording and managing all financial transactions, revenue, and disbursements of the Town, which include processing accounts payable, processing payrolls, and managing cash and investments.
- Performing all accounting functions for the Town, including preparation of the Town's annual financial reports, audit management and day-to-day internal account oversight.
- Administering the Town's purchasing, budgeting and insurance programs.
- Administering the Town's debt service program, including bond issues, credit ratings and debt service payments.

Fund Balance

A key indicator of the Town's financial condition is the size of its unassigned fund balance. Falmouth's unassigned general fund balance (not including those in reserves) as of June 30, 2012, was $10,729,927 or a healthy 25.7% of total general fund expenditures. This represents a $202,183 increase from last year.

The increase was caused primarily by better than expected revenues of $65,000; savings from departmental spending below budget and netted with amended budgeted items of $557,000 ($281,000 attributed to the Schools and $166,000 attributed to Public Works making up a large part) offset by a $1,398,000 of planned investment in inventory and capital/reserved expenditures that were larger than the annual amount funded this year and that utilized reserved amounts from prior years. In addition there was the added benefit of $498,000 of postponed interest payments due to the timing of the issuance of bonds and $480,000 recalculated and reclassified from Committed Funds.

The Town's continuing solid financial condition is the result of prudent budgeting and monitoring of expenditures, along with actual revenues exceeding the estimated amounts. The ending fund balance provides the Town with adequate coverage for various liabilities, accounts receivable, and unforeseen expenses or shortfalls in revenues.

The fund balance should not be understood, however, as cash on hand or a pure "surplus". There are a number of encumbrances that can and/or do exist against the fund balance, such as reserves for receivables (unpaid taxes), transfers to operating accounts authorized by the Town Council to reduce tax requirements, and a recommended minimum cash reserve to cover potential emergencies.

Tax Rate

The property tax rate for fiscal year 2011-12 is $12.92 per thousand dollars of valuation. The components of this tax rate are Town--$3.01, School--$9.36 and County--$0.55. Like other municipalities, Falmouth continues to rely heavily on property taxes for the support of municipal services. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, property taxes accounted for 70.9% of total general fund revenues.

The Town's tax collection rate remained high during 2011-12. Collected taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, were 97.0% of the Town's total tax commitment. This continued high collection rate reflects the ongoing relative strength of the local economy.

Debt Service and Investment in Education

As an investment in education during fiscal year 2010-11, new general obligation bonds in the total amount of $37,735,000 were issued to finance the construction of a new elementary school. The Town also refinanced $9,135,000 of bonds that had been issued in 2000 for high school construction.

Debt Service and Investment in Education, cont.

In addition to the amounts listed below, the Town also has two million in authorized but unissued debt relating to the open space land acquisition bond approved by Falmouth voters in a November 2007 referendum.

As of June 30, 2012, the Town's total general obligation bonded indebtedness is $50,700,000. As of June 30, 2012, Falmouth's gross (before state school aid debt subsidy) debt/valuation ratio was 2.45% when compared to the State Valuation as of June 30, 2012. Including the state subsidy, the ratio is approximately 0.50%. A 7.5% debt/valuation ratio for each the municipality and wastewater enterprise and 10.0% debt/valuation ration for the schools is the maximum debt burden that is allowed by the State of Maine. The total outstanding sewer revenue bond debt is $4,860,000.

Credit Rating

As part of the Town's borrowing process, the Town has its credit rating reviewed periodically by the two major credit rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service. We are pleased to report that for our 2011 Bond Issue the Town's high credit ratings are "AA+" from Standard & Poor's and "Aa1" from Moody's Investors Service.

Awards and Recognition

For the past twenty years, the Town has submitted its financial report to the Government Finance Officers Association and received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. We expect to receive the twenty first award soon. This national award signifies a municipality's financial report conforms to the highest standards of government accounting. Falmouth is one of only twelve municipalities in the State of Maine to attain this distinction. This report is available at Town Hall and on the Town's website, *www.town.falmouth.me.us*.

In summary, the figures above show that the Town remains in solid financial condition, especially relative to state and national trends. In addition to these activities the Finance Department staff handles numerous inquiries from citizens, employees and vendors. We strive to maintain an efficient, effective and solid service to the citizens despite the high volume of activity in this department. Special thanks go to the Finance Department staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Other Town Financial Information

Other pertinent Town financial information and reports, such as policies and budgets, can be found on *www.town.falmouth.me.us* under Finance in the Departments section of the website.

2011-2012 TAX RATES

	Town	School	County	TOTAL
Property Tax Rate	$3.00	$9.36	$0.55	$12.35
Increase (decrease) from 2010-11	(.04)	.60	.01	.57
% Increase (decrease) from 2010-11	(1.3)%	6.8%	1.9%	4.6%

Town of Falmouth—Outstanding Taxes (May 15, 2013)

Real Estate Taxes

2009-2010 LIENS RECEIVABLE

FALMOUTH FORESIDE VILLAGE LLC	US ROUTE 1	705.19
HASKELL JAMES L	ROUTE 302	349.31
HUTCHINSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	68 LONGWOODS RD	2,102.58
HUTCHINSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	LONGWOODS RD	114.51
TINSMAN DOUGLAS A & SANDRA	LONGWOODS RD	852.45
TINSMAN JENNIFER	LONGWOODS RD	880.84
T&N VERMOEGENSVERWALTUNGS, GMBH	221 FALMOUTH RD	6,330.08
TYZZER RICHARD E	1 FALLS RD	2,766.99
VASAPOLLI KATHERINE L&STEPHEN	ROUTE 302	172.57

2010-2011 LIENS RECEIVABLE

HASKELL JAMES L	SUNSET RD	347.90
HUTCHINSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	68 LONGWOODS RD	2,131.42
HUTCHINSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	LONGWOODS RD	114.20
ROY LOIS L & WILLIAM	12 CHURCH ST	2,099.30
T&N VERMOEGENSVERWALTUNGS, GMBH	221 FALMOUTH RD	6,309.64
TINSMAN DOUGLAS A & SANDRA	LONGWOODS RD	848.66
TINSMAN JENNIFER	LONGWOODS RD	876.92
TYZZER RICHARD E	1 FALLS RD	2,754.16
VASAPOLLI KATHERINE L&STEPHEN	ROUTE 302	171.99
WALSH EDWARD F &	SURREY LN	152.55

2011-2012 LIENS RECEIVABLE

74 FORESIDE LLC	74 FORESIDE RD	4,620.72
ADAM NEIL P	LEIGHTON RD	892.19
ALEXANDER PHYLLIS V	MIDDLE RD	179.36
ALEXANDER PHYLLIS V	MIDDLE RD	272.34
BEAL JAMES & LINDA	7 STAGECOACH RD	44.51
BEAL JAMES & LINDA	BLACKSTRAP RD	1,305.87
BRASIER THOMAS	82 BLACKSTRAP RD	2,964.65
BRYDON CYNTHIA A & MALCOLM P	BURTON WY	1,528.21
BURGESS JAMES	29 PLEASANT HILL RD	2,483.59
BUXTON ELIZABETH	241 MIDDLE RD	2,474.16
COUTURE JANICE	4 KELLEY RD	6,228.30
CARRIER JOHN PAUL	9 WATTS FARM WY	7,643.18
CARVELL LINDA	10 MABEL WY	4,868.66
CASPARIUS CARLENE L & ROBERT	WINN RD	1,355.74
CASPARIUS CARLENE L & ROBERT	WINN RD	1,633.31
CASPARIUS CARLENE L & ROBERT	85 WINN RD	1,741.31
CLOUTIER CONSTRUCTION	LONGWOODS RD	970.34
COBLEIGH KAREN	88 LEDGEWOOD DR	32.48
CROSBY ELLEN T	100 LEIGHTON RD	2,621.34
DR PHILMOORE INC	WOODS RD	366.66
EASTERN SHORE PROPERTIES LLC	116 GRAY RD	2,926.92
F IS IN LLC	573 BLACKSTRAP RD	90.91
FOLEY SUZANNE T	21 MITCHELLWOOD DR	6,774.04
FROMHOLD ALFRED & FLORENCE	MIDDLE RD	186.09
FROMHOLD ALFRED & FLORENCE	MIDDLE RD	202.27
FROMHOLD ALFRED & FLORENCE	MIDDLE RD	390.92
GRONDIN GERARD R	LAURENCE WY	1,247.93
GRUBB LOUIS W JR	96 LEDGEWOOD DR	2,691.11
GRUBB LOUIS W JR	94 LEDGEWOOD DR	3,607.41
HASKELL JAMES L	SUNSET RD	362.61
HASKELL JAMES L	41 SUNSET RD	3,072.45
HATHAWAY EARL B	7 OAKMONT DR	8,814.16
HUTCHINSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	LONGWOODS RD	117.37
HUTCHSON COLLEEN A & SARA P	68 LONGWOODS RD	2,369.05
JOSEPHS ELLEN L & JEFFREY	14 PARKER WY	2,355.06
KOERICK MARIE A & MAIN MICHAEL	18 GLEN RD	4,169.31
LEBEL MARK & DONNA	BOWDOIN DR	1,261.15
LOVE SUSAN P	5 MOUNTAIN RD	1,722.14
LUNT VIRGINIA A & WILLIAM	16 LUNT RD	3,468.61
MAZEROLLE ALLEN P	59 LEIGHTON RD	736.52
MCDERMOTT ARTHUR P REVOC TR	UPLAND RD	115.58
MCDERMOTT PAUL P	52 MCDERMOTT WY	5,058.67
MCDERMOTT SARAH ANN	59 MCDERMOTT WY	549.76
MCMANUS WILDER J	26 LEIGHTON RD	2,273.27
MILES ANNA C & MICHEL G & YANA	59 MOUNTAIN RD	1,571.33
MITSCHELE ELIZABETH J & PETER	240 WOODVILLE RD	9,415.15
NICHOLS SUSAN L	10 REG ROC RD	1,613.68
NORTHERN N E TEL OPS LLC	4 DEPOT RD	5,491.46
NORTHLAND RLTY MANGMNT LLC	BLACKSTRAP RD	76.95
PROCTOR AMANDA	US ROUTE 1	1,850.26
RAMBUSCH-ADAM LUCIA	LEIGHTON RD	256.17
ROY LOIS L & WILLIAM	12 CHURCH ST	2,200.61
SAVIDGE G PAUL	249 FORESIDE RD	5,621.92
SMITH ANDREW D	19 HAMLIN RD	1,545.88
SYVESTER MICHAEL S & MICHAEL	103 FORESIDE RD	2,746.94
T&N VERMOEGENSVERWALTUNGS, GMBH	221 FALMOUTH RD	6,619.08
TINSMAN DOUGLAS A & SANDRA	LONGWOODS RD	888.14
TINSMAN JENNIFER	LONGWOODS RD	917.79
TYZZER RICHARD E	1 FALLS RD	2,887.84
VASAPOLLI KATHERINE L&STEPHEN	ROUTE 302	178.02
WALSH EDWARD F & KAREN	SURREY LN	171.27
YOUNG GERTRUDE	9 RAYMOND RD	113.81
YOUNG GERTRUDE	11 KNIGHT ST	144.63

Personal Property Taxes

2009-2010 TAXES RECEIVABLE

AMY'S DOG GROOMING	361 GRAY RD	21.00
BOOKS ETC	240 US ROUTE 1	424.84
CAMPBELL CLINICAL SERVICES	170 US ROUTE 1	21.00
CITY DANCE	196 US ROUTE 1	55.58
CURVES FOR WOMEN	240 US ROUTE 1	74.10
FERRANTE ANDREA N	100 GRAY RD	61.75
FORESIDE APPRAISAL CO.	410 MIDDLE RD	24.70
GALEYRIE CUSTOM FRAMING	190 US ROUTE 1	85.22
L W GRUBB EXCAVATING	94 LEDGEWOOD DR	247.00
L'ESTHETIQUE SKIN CARE CLINIC	4 KELLEY RD	54.34
RADIO SHACK- SPRINT MNGMNT	RADIO SHACK	17.29
REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE	55 LONGWOODS RD	12.35
SPORTS TURF INTERNATIONAL	7 TRILLIUM LN	11.12
THE BOATHOUSE	215 FORESIDE RD	29.64
THE TURF DOCTOR LLC	46 GRAY RD	70.40

2010-2011 TAXES RECEIVABLE

AMY'S DOG GROOMING	361 GRAY RD	25.94
BOOKS ETC	240 US ROUTE 1	407.55
CAMPBELL CLINICAL SERVICES	170 US ROUTE 1	24.70
CITY DANCE	196 US ROUTE 1	61.75
CLEARWATER PSYCHOTHERAPY	98 CLEARWATER DR	33.35
CURVES FOR WOMEN	240 US ROUTE 1	59.28
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	452.74
FALMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB	1 CONGRESSIONAL DR	3,458.00
FERRANTE ANDREA N	100 GRAY RD	61.75
FORESIDE APPRAISAL CO.	410 MIDDLE RD	29.64
GALEYRIE CUSTOM FRAMING	190 US ROUTE 1	83.98
HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS TEAM	170 US ROUTE 1	44.46
JCR HOLDINGS INC	204 US ROUTE 1	242.42
LAKEWOOD CAPITAL INC	234 MIDDLE RD	61.75
LEAF FINANCIAL CORPORATION	VARIOUS	142.03
L'ESTHETIQUE SKIN CARE CLINIC	4 KELLEY RD	54.34
PEERLESS FRANCHISES LLC	5 FUNDY RD	44.46
RTM MARKETING GROUP	5 FUNDY RD	41.99
SPORTS TURF INTERNATIONAL	7 TRILLIUM LN	14.82
THINK WEB TECHNOLOGY	177 GRAY RD	22.23
WALTON GROUP	367 US ROUTE 1	123.50

2011-2012 TAXES RECEIVABLE

A PERFECT SMILE	168 US ROUTE 1	1,343.68
AXEL BERG INC	378 MIDDLE RD	40.05
BAKER CONNECTIONS	173 FALMOUTH RD	25.84
BAYSHORE PROPERTIES LLC	134 US ROUTE 1	78.81
BERNIE'S PLACE	65 GRAY RD	40.73
CAPALL CREEK FARM	21 SHAW RD	320.42
CITY DANCE	196 US ROUTE 1	71.06
CLASSIC WINDOW SYSTEMS	60 GRAY RD	32.30
CURVES FOR WOMEN	240 US ROUTE 1	73.64
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	77.52
EASTN SHORE HOME IMPRVMNTS	56 GRAY RD	45.22
ELIZABETH MOSS GALLERY	251 US ROUTE 1	164.08
ELM ICE & OIL COMPANY	56 GRAY RD	62.02
FALMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB	1 CONGRESSIONAL DR	2,763.59
FALMOUTH FLOWERS	251 US ROUTE 1	51.68
FARR HORIZONS HEALTH CTR	317 FORESIDE RD	99.48
FERRANTE ANDREA N	100 GRAY RD	64.60
FORESIDE REALTY	202 US ROUTE 1	47.80
FORESIDE TAVERN	270 US ROUTE 1	276.21
GALEYRIE CUSTOM FRAMING	190 US ROUTE 1	87.86
GOODMAN MADELINE	27 PLEASANT HILL RD	19.38
GRASSO TERRI DECOSTER	3 FUNDY RD	12.92
GUS' GLUTEN FREE BAKING CO	65 WAITES LANDING	12.92
HAIR ARTISTRY	65 GRAY RD	164.08
HONECK JANE CPA	100 GRAY RD	15.50
HUGS ITALIAN RESTAURANT	204 US ROUTE 1	410.86
JENNZ PETZ GROOMING	333 GRAY RD	45.22
KAREN CAXTON-SMITH PHOTO., LLC	5 WILLIAM WY	25.84
LEAF FINANCIAL CORPORATION	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	131.78
LEDGEWATER POOLS INC	223 WOODVILLE RD	48.66
L'ESTHETIQUE SKIN CARE CLINIC	4 KELLEY RD	56.85
MAINE RSA #1 INC	VARIOUS	35.19
MAPEL INC	37 DEPOT RD	204.14
MCMANN GREGORY T	268 FALMOUTH RD	19.38
NOURIA ENERGY	251 US ROUTE 1	332.15
PET QUARTERS	240 US ROUTE 1	142.12
PRIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES	367 US ROUTE 1	58.14
RAY & ROBINS HOBBY CENTER	65 GRAY RD	170.54
SAIGON NAILS	65 GRAY RD	98.19
STILLPOINT	234 MIDDLE RD	46.51
THE BOATHOUSE	215 FORESIDE RD	31.01
THE PURPLE TURTLE GIFTS&JEWEL.	100 GRAY RD	25.84
THE SLOANE GROUP LLC	199 MIDDLE RD	126.62
TO LIFE CHIROPRACTIC	196 US ROUTE 1	187.34
TOUR BUSTERS	251 US ROUTE 1	34.88
WALTON GROUP	367 US ROUTE 1	135.66
WESTERN UNION FIN SER.	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	15.50

Amanda L. Stearns, AICP
Community Development Director

Community Development

The Community Development Department is comprised of two divisions, the Planning Division and the Code Division.

Planning Division:

In 2012, the Planning Board held nine public hearings and approved three private way applications for a total of five new house lots. The Planning Board also granted preliminary approval for 107 additional dwelling units.

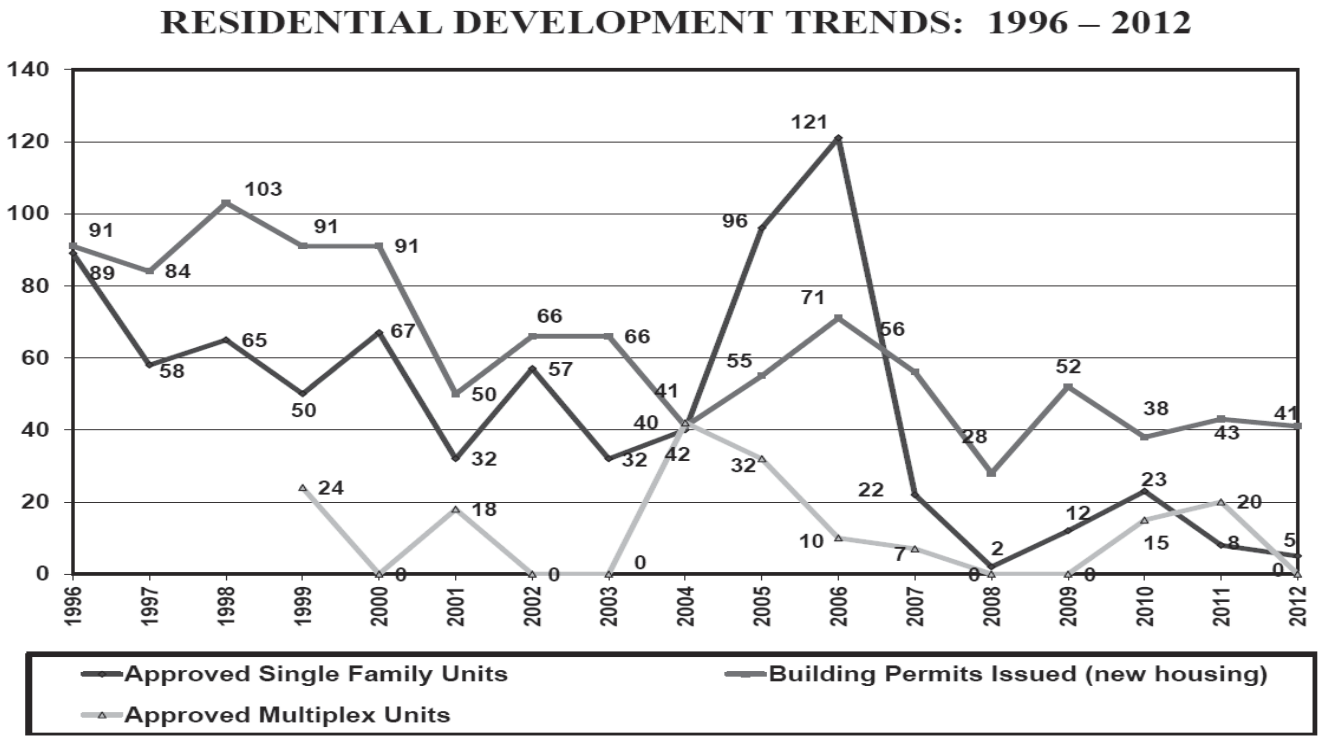
Legislative Activity: Staff assisted the Council and Community Development Committee with researching and drafting changes in the Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance and the Code of Ordinances on Route One zoning, home occupations, roadside stands, OceanView Retirement Community, Elementary School Redevelopment, minor district changes and tenant area restrictions in SB1.

Code Division

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board heard a total of 68 applications, comprised of 57 Conditional Use Applications, 9 Administrative Appeals and 2 Variance Applications.

Building and Code Activity:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Building Permits	361	315	307	235	228	216	194	235	189	217	236
Other Permits	N/A	N/A	608	466	378	671	490	610	772	504	556
New Commercial	4	1	3	1	3	8	18	1	14	3	6
TOTALS			918	702	609	898	702	846	975	724	798



Assessing

Anne Gregory, Assessor

The Assessor is responsible for the discovery and determination of market value for all real and personal property for the collection of property taxes. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine's property tax laws.

Property values continue to remain stable in 2012, while the number of sales increased. The average residential assessed value was 2% higher than the average selling price. We continue to monitor the real estate market to ensure equitable assessed values.

Statistics as of April 1, 2012 . . . .

5,251	Real Estate Parcels @ 4,873 Residential, 213 Commercial and 165 Exempts
516	Personal Property Business Accounts
2,879	Homestead Exemptions @ $10,000
259	Veteran Exemptions @ $6,000 and $50,000 for Paraplegic Veterans
7	Blind Exemptions @ $4,000
52	Parcels classifying 1,298 acres in Tree Growth classification program
12	Parcels classifying 406 acres in Farmland classification program
6	Parcels classifying 122 acres in Open Space classification program
406	Deeds recorded @ Registry of Deeds/April '12- March '13
586	Inspections for data collection of building changes, data corrections & property sales
$ 2,343,558,900	Total Real Property Value
$ 34,030,900	Total Personal Property/Business Equipment Value
$ 78,383,000	Less Exempt Real Property Value
$ 1,794,000	Less Personal Exemptions (Veterans, Blind, Parsonages) not reimbursed by the State
$ 28,790,000	Homestead Exemption Value (50% State Reimbursement)
$ 124,601,000	Total TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts' captured Real & Personal Property Value; taxes generated from TIF District Assessed Values applied to specific TIF projects
$ 2,144,021,800	Total Non TIF Taxable Value

From Budget to Tax Bill

Portion of Budget funded by Property Tax: $30,467,604 (FY12/13) divided by
Town's Net Taxable Value (including TIF value): $2,268,622800 (4/1/2012) equals $.01343 Tax Rate

$464,500 (average assessed value) X $.01343 Tax Rate = $6,238.24 Annual Tax Bill

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The **Maine Residents Property Tax & Rent Refund "Circuit Breaker" program** is administered by the State. Eligible Maine residents can receive a partial refund of property taxes and/or rent paid on their primary residence. File online at: www.maine.gov/revenue (click on Tax Relief) or call 207-626-8475 weekdays 8am to 5pm).

Please visit our website at *www.town.falmouth.me.us/Pages/FalmouthME_Assessor/index* or contact the Assessing Office for information about **Veterans, Homestead, Blind Exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space, Farmland Classifications, Charitable and Benevolent Institutions.** Call or visit our office to review your property data and assessed value calculation. Tax Maps and Property Record Cards are also available online.

Special thanks to Administrative Assistant Pamela Given, Data Collection and Revaluation Consultant Diana Calder, and Town Hall Receptionist Shari Kraljic for their dedication, hard work and support during the past year.

Howard Rice,
Chief of Fire~EMS

Fire/EMS

The Fire-EMS Department provides fire and emergency medical services to the citizens of Falmouth. Operating from three fire stations, the mostly volunteer department is active in the community with a variety of programming and public education initiatives. Established in 1913 as the Foreside Fire Company, Falmouth Fire-EMS celebrates 100 years of providing fire protection in 2013.

Office Organization and Staffing

Falmouth Fire-EMS is a combination department comprised of three full-time employees, 15 part-time per-diem employees, and 100 volunteer, paid on call, members. The department is led by Chief Howard Rice, Jr., Capt. Michael Carroll, and Lt. Denise Gibson. Lt. Gibson performs critical tasks such as department payroll, scheduling, accounts payable, and incident reporting. Capt. Mike Carroll manages the EMS and health programs for the department in addition to joining both Chief Rice and Lt. Gibson in staffing the backup ambulances and fire apparatus for daytime emergencies.

Falmouth Fire-EMS is covered 24-hours per day, 7 days a week with a Per-Diem Firefighter/Paramedic who staffs an ambulance at Central Station and, along with volunteer members, responds to all medical and fire emergencies throughout town. The ambulance is equipped with firefighting tools including breathing apparatus and hand tools, as well as air monitoring equipment, allowing the crew to work with responding volunteer firefighters who arrive on the fire apparatus. Daily, there is at least one volunteer EMT on duty at Central with the Per Diem Firefighter/Paramedic. In addition to responding to an average of four emergency calls per day, the Per-Diem FF/Medic maintains firefighting and EMS equipment, completes reports, performs various fire prevention tasks, and coordinates daily training with the volunteer members.

Volunteer membership in Falmouth continues to remain at the highest levels. Over 100 dedicated people currently volunteer to respond to emergencies, train, and perform fire prevention functions in Falmouth. Assisting the Fire Chief with crew management are two volunteer Deputy Chiefs; Jay Hallett and Tom Martelle. The Deputy Chiefs work closely with the Station Captains and Company Lieutenants to manage and lead the firefighters and EMT's. Currently, there are three Captains and thirteen Lieutenants in the department. These officers meet monthly with the Administrative Staff to analyze, update and implement the management plan of the department, as well as attend weekly training to lead their crews.

Emergency Response

Falmouth Fire-EMS Department responded to 1,549 emergency incidents in 2012, ranging from medical emergencies to structure fires. Medical emergencies continue to make up 2/3 of the total incidents per year. Our three ambulances responded to 964 medical emergencies and 114 motor vehicle crashes in 2012.

Non-Emergency Response

Falmouth Fire-EMS provides coverage at many town sporting events. An ambulance was staffed for all varsity and junior varsity home football games, the cross country championships at Community Park, various lacrosse tournaments and road races, the Fall Soccer Classic, and the Maine Marathon. Falmouth Fire-EMS also hosts an Open House in October with a focus on fire and injury prevention as well as co-sponsors a Touch-a-Truck event with Community Programs.

Membership

Being a Firefighter or EMT requires many hours of training. Falmouth Fire-EMS is proud to have a large number of individuals who have worked hard to obtain and maintain certification in both Fire and EMS. The current roster includes 66 members who have completed both Firefighter Levels I and II and 74 members who have current EMS certifications. The department trains every Monday night for two hours to remain up to date with new technology, techniques, and information. If you would like more information about Fire-EMS membership, please visit Central Station or visit our website at: *www.town.falmouth.me.us/fire*.

Emergency Management (EMA)

Falmouth Emergency Management coordinates emergency and non-emergency operations for the Town of Falmouth during large-scale emergencies and events.

Emergency Management Team

Falmouth Emergency Management Administration is led by EMA Director Howard Rice, Jr. and Deputy EMA Director John Kilbride. The Emergency Management Team consists of representatives from: Administration, Police, Fire/EMS, Public Works, Wastewater, Finance, Community Programs, and the School Department. Before an event such as a potential ice storm, snow storm or major rain storm, representatives from these departments meet to discuss preparations and potential scheduling for the upcoming storm. The group meets again during the event to monitor any issues and needs, and also meets post-event to develop an after-action report. Lessons learned from these post-incident reports prepare the EMA team to better serve the town in the future.

Hurricane Sandy

The Emergency Management team used lessons learned from previous storms and worked together before Hurricane Sandy arrived in November 2012 to plan for potential impacts. Various meetings were held before and during the event to monitor conditions across town to ensure that all residents were safe and all roads were passable. Falmouth Emergency Management worked very closely with Cumberland County EMA and the National Weather Service to provide weather updates to town departments to aid in the planning process. The team met again once the storm was over to collect feedback for future events.

Emergency Notification System

Falmouth Emergency Management operates an emergency notification system that alerts a pager, cell phone, or e-mail address about major events including, but not limited to, shelter openings and closings, major road closures, widespread flood warnings, and emergency evacuations. In the event of an emergency, information would be sent out to all subscribers of the system. To sign up for the notification system, please visit the EMA website at: *www.town.falmouth.me.us/vsubscriber.*

Emergency Management Hotline

The Emergency Management Hotline is used to provide needed warnings or instructions to the public during an emergency. The hotline, **(207)699-5241**, contains a message that is updated during emergencies and is frequently used during severe weather events to update residents about current conditions. The hotline was used during Hurricane Sandy in 2012 to provide information on road closures and power outages.

Police Department

Edward J. Tolan,
Chief of Police

I would like to thank the citizens of Falmouth for their continued support of the department. I am also very proud of the members of the department and the way they managed a very busy year in a professional and dedicated manner.

Personnel

- Officer Mathew Fulmer was hired in the fall of 2012. Matt has three years experience and brings a strong skill set that will enhance the capabilities of the department.
- Officer Kurt Fegan was selected as a member of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. The ESU Team deals with major incidents involving armed suspects.
- Officer Dennis Ryder and Sargeant Kevin Conger were recognized by the Maine Chiefs with the Lifesaving Award for their efforts saving a man's life in Falmouth during a medical crisis.
- Officer Matt Fulmer was recognized by the Maine Chiefs with the Lifesaving Award for his efforts saving a young man's life during a Yarmouth medical crisis event.
- Officers and Dispatchers attended over 1,600 hours of training to enhance their ability to provide quality service to the community.
- The Department has five certified police instructors for the State who provided over 500 hours of training to other officers at the State Academy.
- Detective Wayne Geyer was selected as the Officer of the Year by the American Legion.

Grants/Seizure and Equipment

- The Department was awarded over $9000 in drug seizure money from cases in Falmouth.
- Casco Bay Can awarded the department a $1,800 grant to support increased enforcement to combat underage drinking.
- The Department received a $1,000 Federal grant for various equipment purchases.
- With the end of production of the Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles, the department transitioned into the new style police utility vehicle (Ford Explorer) to support and enhance patrol operations during inclement weather conditions.
- With grant funding, the department purchased a hand-held Forward Imaging Inferred device to be used for rescue and K-9 deployment operations.

Operations & Activity

- The Department was the first to initiate Operation Lifesaver in this area where over 1,000 Falmouth students and various community groups have been educated about railroad grade crossing safety issues.
- Officers have enhanced their presence and interaction in the schools and at sporting events, to deter and detect potential issues .
- Chief Tolan was selected to serve on the Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force to address domestic violence issues throughout the state.

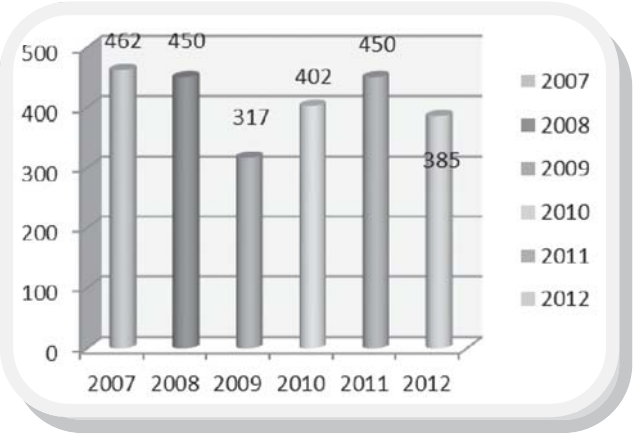
Operations & Activity (con't.)

- Hosted a Criminal Justice intern from Endicott College.
- Participated in the Drug Take Back Initiative program and collected over 78 pounds of unused prescription drugs.
- Officers responded to 18,370 calls for service.
- Officers issued 4,059 traffic summonses and written warnings.
- K-9 Maxi certified in "patrol certification" and "narcotic certification", providing a high level of service to the community.
- The Department has enhanced our OUI enforcement details inside and outside the community with two officers selected by the Bureau of Highway Safety for a special enforcement team that focuses on impaired drivers.

Harbor Division

- Signed an agreement with the Town of Long Island to assist with rescue operations using the Falmouth Fire Department.
- Continued to expand and enhance our training with the Falmouth Fire Department.
- Monitored 1,103 active moorings in the harbor during 2012.
- Assisted U.S Coast Guard, City of Portland, the towns of Cumberland, Yarmouth, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department with various operations and assistance.

Accidents



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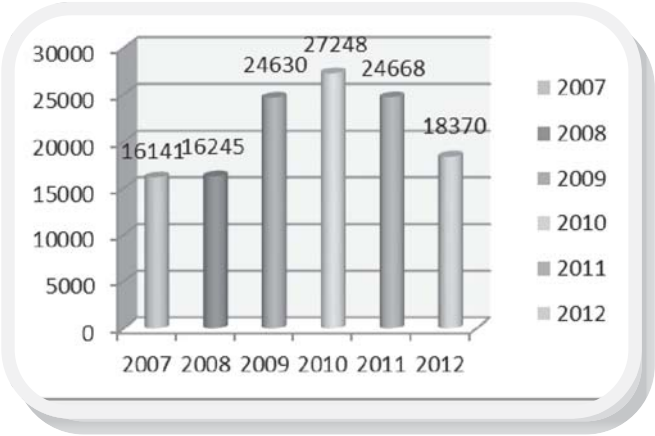
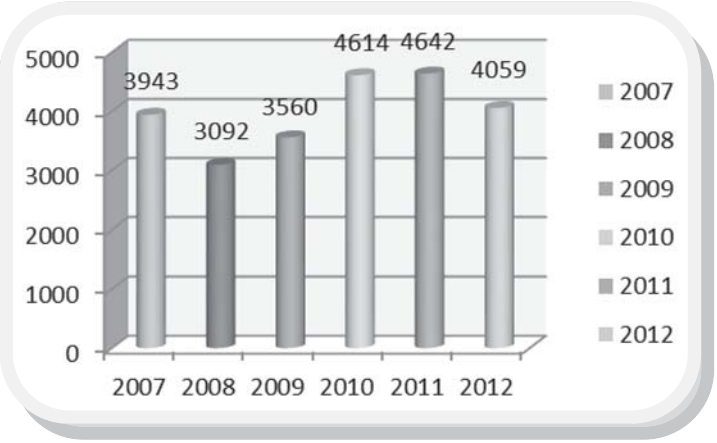


Summonses/Warnings



Jen Phinney,
Information Systems Director

Information Systems

The mission of this department is to provide development, maintenance, training and oversight of the town's information systems. This includes supporting users, hardware and software, GIS administration, website maintenance, phone system management, security system maintenance, Cable TV administration and the Town's wide area network. Mike McDade is the Cable TV Station Manager and assists with information systems support.

Highlights of the year include:

- Provided full-time computer support to the Town's 155 users, nine remote sites, and 24 network servers.
- Supported Yarmouth Fire and Police users and North Yarmouth Fire users on connectivity and IMC.
- Since the Town started to use Munis in 1992, there have been several software upgrades. Through an analysis conducted by Tyler Technologies and coordination with the Finance Department, we implemented several of their suggestions which have created new efficiencies in our departments. These upgrades include decentralized invoice processing and scanning of all documents into a content management system, Dashboard, decentralized payroll, Employee Self-Service, and Permits and Codes modules.
- Conducted an RFP for the Town's copier replacements and awarded the bid to Business Equipment Unlimited (BEU) .
- Implemented new website monitoring/filtering solution through Barracuda web filtering device.
- Installed new laptops in police cruisers.
- Upgraded the town's aerial photography to pixel resolution of 3" Level 1.
- Conducted website survey to help the town further improve how our website serves Falmouth residents.
- Continuous support and maintenance of the town's website.
- Maintenance oversight for Plummer-Motz school site.
- Broadcast and recorded over 90 meetings and presentations.
- Continued updates to the broadcast and video recording studio at the elementary school.
- Downloaded over 300 hours of programming to fill the Channel 2 TV schedule each week.

Lucky D'Ascanio,
Community Programs Director

Community Programs

Falmouth Community Programs (FCP) is comprised of three divisions: Adult Education, Recreation, and Facilities Scheduling which are responsible for:

- Providing supplementary educational, active and passive recreational as well as social and cultural opportunities for community members.
- Providing community education/enrichment programming, recreational and instructional athletic opportunities.
- Scheduling all school/town facilities for community use.

All Adult Education and Recreation offerings are in the FCP seasonal brochures that are published online at *www.town.falmouth.me.us* in April, August and December.

Department Accomplishments

During the past year, 470 Recreation and Adult Education programs were offered attracting 4,700 Recreation and 3,100 Adult Education participants. In addition to regular programming, the department sold over 850 discount tickets to Funtown/Splashtown, Water Country and Aquaboggan, Sunday River/Sugarloaf and Shawnee Peak for a total savings of over $9,700 for resident recreational enthusiasts.

Also in 2012, FCP provided $3,000 in department scholarships and the Falmouth Education Foundation (FEF) provided an additional $2,000 in FEF grant funds which provided many Falmouth children the opportunity to participate in summer programming. In addition, we are very grateful for the generous donation of $1,700 in funds from the Dan Fabio Memorial Soccer Scholarship. FCP would like to thank both the Falmouth Educational Foundation and the Fabio family for their continued generosity and support of our participants and programming.

Programming and Facility Scheduling

A variety of daytime programming including pre-school Mommy & Me Music and Movement, Pre-school Dance, Laughter Yoga, Tony Dance Fiesta, Gentle Yoga and Indoor Tennis continue to be offered at the Motz School, Mason Gym. Adult Education and Senior Programming continue to offer a variety of programs for the enrichment of Falmouth's adult residents. Cooperative programming with the Falmouth Land Trust and Conservation Commission provided many opportunities for residents to explore new properties such as Suckfish Brook Conservation Area and Hadlock Community Forest. Courses and offerings provide lifelong opportunities for new skills, vocational training, health and fitness, as well as social network and relationship building.

Recreation programming through FCP targets the resident youth population by providing passive and active year-round recreational opportunities. This is accomplished by developing educational and instructional athletic, arts and crafts and science programming, and also by creating opportunities for social, behavioral, and physical development as well as environmental awareness. Offering safe, educational, and fun programs that allow for self-expression and help to build self-confidence are the cornerstones of the recreation foundation.

The Town of Falmouth and the Falmouth School Department recognize that all public facilities are supported by local tax dollars and through FCP have made the facilities available to responsible community groups and individuals when not in use by the school department or town. FCP has the year-round responsibility of scheduling all school facilities and municipal park facilities as well as maintaining accurate calendars for those facilities. The online calendar continues to serve as a valuable community tool by displaying immediate availability for facilities.

Parks and Public Works

Jay Reynolds,
Parks and Public Works Director

The Parks and Public Works Department accomplished many goals in 2012. Many capital improvements were completed on the roadway network and parks facilities. The Department also participated in a number of larger long-range projects, such as the Route One infrastructure planning, scoring of the Martin's Point Bridge proposals, the Route One stormwater study, natural gas utility expansion analysis, and the Comprehensive Plan update.

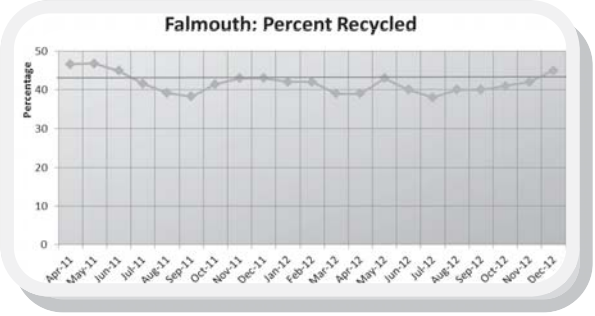
The most notable department milestone in 2012 was resuming full staffing levels for the first time since 2008. Town Engineer Jamie Mason was hired as well as Transfer Station Attendant Andrew Coughlin.

The Parks and Public Works Department manages the following operational areas:

- **Engineering and Capital Improvements**
- **Streets and Right of Ways**
- **Solid Waste, Recycling, and The Transfer Station**
- **Parks and Public Spaces**
- **Fleet Maintenance**

Engineering, Capital Improvement Projects, Streets and Right-of-Ways

The Falmouth Road reconstruction project was the most notable project of the year. The second phase of Ledgewood Drive Reconstruction was also completed. In addition, the Department's annual paving program included resurfacing Depot Road, Merrill Road, and other residential streets. Also, the Maine DOT began its replacement of Martin's Point Bridge. The Public Works Division completed many pavement repairs as well as storm drain system repairs. For more information on the department's operations, please visit: *www.town.falmouth.me.us/Pages/FalmouthME_DPW/index*



Transfer Station and Recycling

The Transfer Station continued to provide recycling services for Falmouth Residents. In September, the Town partnered with Pine Tree Waste, Inc., to help launch a new commercial recycling program. This program was aimed at increasing the recycling rates by providing curbside collection to Falmouth businesses.

Parks and Public Spaces

The Parks Division continued to maintain the Town's parks, grounds, cemeteries, and other public properties. The Department launched a new webpage for Town Cemeteries that provides important historical information to the public and can be accessed at: *www.town.falmouth.me.us/Pages/FalmouthME_Parks/trailmaps/Cemeteries.* The most notable project for Parks was the field improvements at Community Park. This project involved new drainage infrastructure to address water/ponding issues that historically limited the use of the facilities by all user-groups.

Pete Clark,
Superintendent

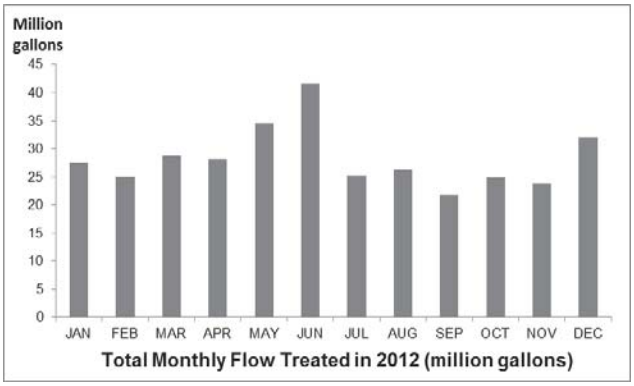
Water Pollution Control

Over the last year, treatment plant performance remained quite efficient as shown in the accompanying graphs. Well over 95% of the conventional pollutants were removed from the waste stream. Sewage flows from the Falmouth and Cumberland collection system were also typical with an average daily flow of 927,000 gallons per day. Overall, 339.2 million gallons of sewage and 348,930 gallons of septic tank wastes were treated in 2012. This resulted in 680 tons of sludge managed by our composting contractor.

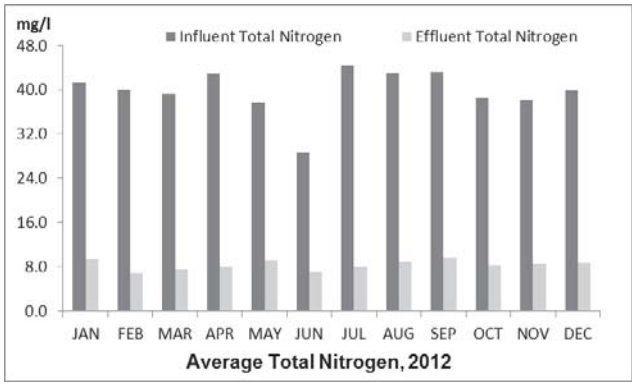
2012 also marked the first full year of monitoring the treatment plant's potential to reduce nutrient nitrogen. This testing evaluated a number of nitrogen compounds and the ability of the biological process to reduce nitrogen in the discharge and the plant's nutrient loadings to Casco Bay. Overall, the total nitrogen in the discharge was at expected levels with little seasonal variation during this initial monitoring period.

With minor exceptions on a few budget lines, the overall operating budget has remained fairly stable over the last several years. Looking forward, we expect that capital needs to fund replacement and renewal of pump stations and lines will be the major driver in future rate increases. Late in 2012, we began added study to assess available capacity and future needs. The final study should be available in early 2013, however, initial findings indicate the need to reduce storm and groundwater flows into the sewer system in both Falmouth and Cumberland. Further evaluation is planned next year to identify likely sections of the system where reductions in peak flow could be cost effective.

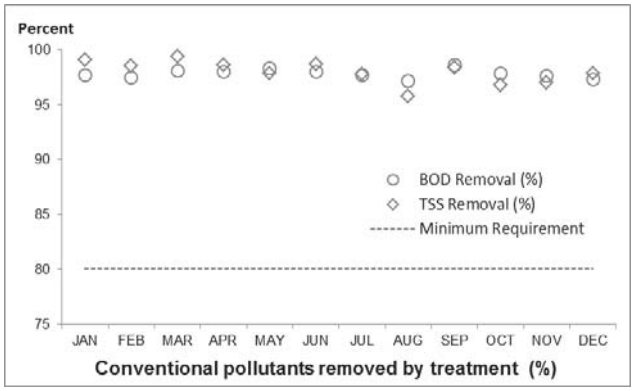
The Department's most significant capital project in 2012 replaced the obsolete radio telemetry system used to monitor the system's 28 pumping stations. The new system integrates with the plant control and data acquisition system and provides increased data gathering and the feasibility to remotely control the pump stations; a feature that will be implemented in future phases as pump stations are otherwise upgraded.



Total Monthly Flow Treated in 2012 (million gallons)



Average Total Nitrogen, 2012



Conventional pollutants removed by treatment (%)

School Department

Barbara Powers,
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Report

With thanks to the Falmouth community, I'm pleased to report that the One Campus environment we now have available for all students, following the opening of Falmouth Elementary School nearly two years ago, has continued to prove to be a bonus for many reasons. First of all, the beautiful configuration of the schools and fields is an outstanding reflection of the esteem with which this community holds education. Our youngest to oldest students can now envision their full transition as learners in this place, along with their growth from children to young adults. Second, our enrollment remains robust as we constantly field inquiries and conduct tours for those considering a next place to live. Third, our shared staff members can easily transition from one school to another to most efficiently offer their professional services. Fourth, opportunities for student interactions across schools have been enhanced. For example, the Big Brother/Big Sister program where high school students mentor a child in need of a special friend has grown significantly now that the distance between schools is just a short walk. Finally, our two wood chip boilers are able to heat the entire campus and, after the upgrade to the heating system in the middle school this summer, the two systems will be fully connected, allowing a single source to provide heat during shoulder seasons of fall and spring. The campus has truly become a remarkable core facility and enjoys widespread community use.

Highlights: The Falmouth Schools experienced another year of notable successes. By a wide variety of measures, our students continue to meet and exceed learning goals and are recognized nationally for these efforts. Following Forbes and Great Schools.org naming Falmouth the "Number One City to Live and Learn" last spring, our schools continue to shine; both Newsweek and US News and World Reports named Falmouth High School in the top 500 in the country. In Maine, Falmouth was determined to be both higher performing and highly efficient by the Center for Education Policy, Applied Research, and Evaluation (CEPARE). To qualify as a higher performing school, Falmouth had to 1) perform better than the statewide average and better than predicted; 2) be helping all students perform better; and, 3) in the case of high schools, have a graduation rate above the state average. To qualify as a more efficient school, we first had to 1) meet the performance criteria (above); and, 2) have a return on spending better than the statewide average and better than predicted. It's very important to us to be careful stewards of your investment in education in this community, so this designation is significant.

Students continue to be highly involved with the community through service; they also explore their creativity through the arts, experience interests and passions through a wide range of co-curriculars and related projects and competitions, and challenge themselves in a variety of athletic opportunities. A highlight is always the very high participation rate we have starting in the elementary schools and culminating in high school in athletics and co-curriculars.

Athletics: To date, state championships have been won by Falmouth High School teams including boys and girls soccer, boys cross country, boys alpine/Nordic combined skiing, girls Nordic skiing, and boys basketball. Spring team sports are now underway; last year, all of the boys teams won state championships: tennis, track, lacrosse, and baseball. In addition, the girls' tennis team won the state championship for the sixth consecutive year. Approximately 80% of all students in grades 7 through 12 participate in at least one athletic program.

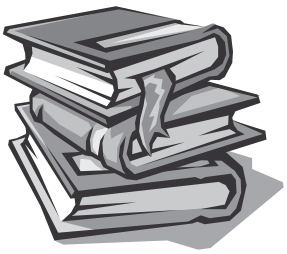
School News: **Falmouth Elementary School** opened last year as the largest elementary school in Maine, with enrollment currently slightly over 900 children in grades K through 5. Co-Principals Karen Boffa and John Flaherty offer their leadership in the second year of the school's existence. The expansion to all day Kindergarten has been well received. Our first grade teachers have noticed a

marked difference in the preparedness of the first all-day kindergarten population. Art, music, and physical education are all regular features of our students' week, with Spanish introduced starting in grade 1. The library/media center is a key component of the literacy program as well. Chorus begins in grade 4 and instrumental music in grade 5. Health and applied technology are also part of the grade 5 experience. The technology purchased for the new school, including iPads as well as classroom projection and sound devices, has made for profound changes in the ways teachers approach instruction and in the way children work both collaboratively and with differentiated pathways.

Falmouth Middle School, led by Principal Sue Palfrey and Assistant Principal Rick Hogan, holds a current enrollment of 498 students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Besides the core subjects of English language arts, math, science, and social studies, students also continue their study of Spanish or change direction and study French. Choral and instrumental music continues to be an enhanced opportunity with small groups and jazz, while applied technology and health, art, general music, and physical education round out student experiences. New co-curricular opportunities are introduced with the Civil Rights team, Student Council, and Math Teams, to name a few, as well as travel opportunities to Quebec and Harrogate, England. Service learning also intensifies as 6th grade students assist at the Essentials Pantry in Portland, 7th grade students assist in re-stocking the Falmouth Food Pantry, and 8th grade students embrace a wide variety of service venues during Discovery Week at the end of the year. Teachers have been focusing on the implementation of Common Core math and literacy standards. Students are being required to write more frequently and more rigorously, particularly in informational and argument writing. Teachers have worked this year to calibrate their scoring of both these writing genres.

Falmouth High School boasts the largest population the high school has seen, with over 735 enrolled as of this spring. Gregg Palmer, Principal, and Jon Radtke, Assistant Principal, lead this school. Part-time Assistant Principal Kim Blenk offered key support as well. The school features a strong Advanced Placement program in a wide variety of courses with students sitting for 600 exams each spring. Three quarters of those are passed at a level that qualify students for college credit while in high school. There is also a strong network of support structures and unique programming for all learners. Athletics, and co-curricular opportunities also distinguish this school and our students. Our students find areas of passion through expanded service learning, theater, art, music, environmental causes, student publications, civil rights, speech and debate, video production, and science/ technology/ engineering activities in addition to a wide range of fall, winter and spring sports. A new program began this fall, which encourages students interested in one of the areas of science, technology, engineering and/or math (STEM) to seek a special Falmouth High School diploma endorsement by 1) successfully completing several advanced electives, 2) earning extended learning opportunity hours through co-curricular participation in STEM areas; 3) completing an internship in a STEM field, and 4) focusing their senior project in this area as well. Seventy-five students enrolled in this endorsement pathway. Diploma endorsements in the visual and performing arts will begin to be offered in the fall of 2013, and a global humanities endorsement is also being explored. This year's Class of 2013 will graduate on June 9, with the ceremony at Merrill Auditorium.

Facilities News: With the recent addition of the new Falmouth Elementary School (Fall 2010 occupancy) and a relatively new high school (2001), the District's focus for facilities improvements over the next several years is the Falmouth Middle School. The original sections of the school were built in the 1950's with several sections added into the 1970's, all with original heating components and no significant upgrades to interior spaces since that time.



Facilities News (con't.):

In addition to bringing a new wood-chip boiler system online in January 2013 to replace oil as the primary heating fuel (reducing costs by ⅔), other capital improvement plans for the school include a conversion of the original steam heating distribution system to hot water, connection of the middle school to the campus-wide heating loop, structural upgrades and re-shingling of several roof sections, replacing non-efficient window systems, and renovating and modernizing science and music room areas. We're hopeful that a successful referendum vote in June 2013 will support these needed capital improvements at the school and extend the life of the middle school as a viable educational building well into the future. With these upgrades, the condition of the campus-wide school facilities is in excellent shape, and with our ongoing maintenance program, reflects positively on the commitment the community is making towards providing quality facilities for its children.

Co-Curriculars:

- The Falmouth Middle School Iron Twinkies won the 2013 State Jazz Festival.
- Twenty-one high school students attended the All State Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Festival, while 8 students were in Jazz All State.
- Falmouth HS Vocal Jazz singers got 3rd Place at the State Vocal Jazz Festival.
- Two instrumental music students progressed to the all-New Englands honors band.
- The HS Jazz band received a "1" rating at district and state festivals, while the Jazz Combo placed second in their division at the State Festival.
- Falmouth High School's One Act Play, "39 Steps," won first place in the Regional Drama Festival.
- Falmouth High School's debate team won the state championship
- Falmouth High School's Real World Design Challenge team was again selected to represent Maine at the national competition in Washington, DC.
- The Falmouth High School robotics team received a special invitation to the national competition in St. Louis, MO, based on their creative engineering solutions.
- Teams of high school students traveled to Mississippi and Guatemala for service learning projects.
- A high school student group and two teachers traveled to Beijing, China, to begin what is hoped to be a significant relationship with Bayi High School. Next year, a group from Bayi will visit Falmouth High School and the following fall the plan is to offer five full year tuition seats to students from that school.

School Board 2012-2013

Left to right: Junior Student Representative Eric Chen, Christopher Murry, Jr., Dee Conroy-Vella, Supt. Barbara Powers, Lucy Tucker, Jan Andrews, Vice-Chair Andrew Kinley, David Snow, Chair Analiese Larson, and Senior Student Representative Molly Ryan

Andi Jackson-Darling, Library Director

Falmouth Memorial Library

Mission

To enrich the community by providing resources and services that foster a love of reading and inspire imagination, curiosity and an open exchange of ideas and information.

Noteworthy Events

- At the library's Annual Meeting on September 17, 2013, the Theodore Johnson Award for Leadership, Service and Dedication was presented to **Marsha Clark**, **Peter Goffin** and **Chantal Walker** in recognition of their work organizing the first Falmouth Garden Tour benefitting the library.
- Also at the Annual Meeting, **Paul Bachorik** and **Jane Bradford** were honored with the Helen G. Knight Award in recognition of exceptional volunteer service to the library.
- In August 2012, we welcomed Laura Bean to the library staff as our first full-time Reference and Technology Librarian.

Services and Programs

- **Resources:** The Library maintains a collection of reading, audiovisual, and research materials that is regularly updated with fresh and relevant additions-- in both print and digital formats. We offer access to full-text, searchable, and reliable databases, an online interactive catalog, an updated website with links to local and global resources, and free Internet and WiFi .
- **Ongoing Services:** Professional Reference and Readers' Advisory services are available at all times, along with weekly story times for babies and preschoolers, the "A Common Yarn" knitting group, book discussion groups for all ages, Junior Science programs for curious kids, and Outreach service to the house-bound. Our Interlibrary loan service provides access to material from libraries throughout the state of Maine and beyond. Community meeting space may be reserved in our Russell Room, and we offer display space for art shows and exhibits, and practice space for "The Flukes" ukulele group.
- **Special Programs:** In 2012, the Library hosted the silent auction Beauty & the Books, author visits, the Summer Reading Program, and regular book sales. Our Youth Services activities included Wii Gaming Saturdays and 4H Club programs. Our Reference Librarian offered Basic Computer instruction in partnership with Falmouth Community Programs in addition to assisting patrons with questions about ebooks and ereaders. Other notable activities included Money Smart Week, devoted to promoting financial literacy, and the Falmouth Garden Tour and Lecture Series, in collaboration with the St. Mary's Garden Club. The Friends of the Falmouth Library group hosted the Holiday Revels celebration, LunchBox Friends meetings, and Library Sundae in July.

By the Numbers: FY2011-2012 Statistics

- 167,206 total items borrowed
- 7,129 total members
- 53,719 items in our collection
- 8,025 people used our library's internet computers
- 7,139 adults & children participated in library events
- 998 groups used our community meeting room
- Untold numbers used our WiFi connection

Citizen of the Year
David Gagnon

The Town of Falmouth dedicates its 2012 Annual Report to David Gagnon. A Falmouth native, David earned four varsity letters at Falmouth High School. He graduated from the University of Maine with an Engineering degree and worked at SD Warren Paper Company in Westbrook.

David has been committed to the Town of Falmouth for many years. Active in Little League Baseball, he has also volunteered on the Green Ribbon Commission, Open Space subcommittee, the Recycling and Energy Advisory (REAC) Committee and the Conservation Corps. As a member of the Conversation Corps, David has donated over 600 hours of his time. His projects include designing and supervising the construction of complex bridges, helping build trails, creating signs, building nest boxes, clearing waterways for canoe travel, helping establish forest inventory plots and obtaining trail licenses from private landowners.

David lives in Falmouth with his wife Ann. They have three children who were educated in the Falmouth School System.

Nathan Poore, Town Manager; Citizen of the Year, Dave Gagnon; and Council Chair, Teresa Pierce

Service and Recognition

The Town of Falmouth has many dedicated employees.
We are pleased to recognize the following individuals
for their hard work and commitment to the town.

In 2012:

25 Years	**Denise Macaronas** **Peter Lund** **Jeannette Murch**
20 Years	**Wayne Geyer** **Anne Gregory**
15 Years	**John Kilbride** **Rachel Kilbride** **Kim Maxfield-Fearon**
10 Years	**Lucky D'Ascanio** **Eric Dupuis** **Shari Kraljic** **George Savidge**
5 Years	**Jeff Buxton** **Anthony Cartonio** **Theo Holtwijk** **Jay Reynolds** **Howard Rice** **Amanda Stearns** **Melissa Tryon**