

# Falmouth Town Council

## Work Plan Retreat

Retreat: August 28, 2019  
Presented: September 9, 2019

## Council's Priority Items

- The Council will work on the following items directly with staff
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- Develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan
- Consider need for any zoning changes in RB and RD
- Consider GPCOG resolution to help create more diverse housing across the metro region
- Review Falmouth's 2016 Bike/Ped Plan to consider adjustments due to current conditions

- Engage in planning activities leading up to an update to the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, including: exploring what body will lead the comp plan update and developing public engagement strategies to inform that work
- Begin pre-Comp Plan work by engaging the community in the identification of shared community vision and values

## Additional Priority Items **Referred to Committees**

- Many other priority items were referred to committees for initial work
- These items will also come before the Council and include opportunities for public engagement in the next several months

# Council Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee

- Committee was on hold pending state regulation
- Resume activity
- Review finalized state marijuana regulations, including an analysis of the potential land use impact to Falmouth

## Council Appointments Committee

- Review town committees to ensure compliance, e.g. attendance requirements (now complete through 6/18)
- Consider standardizing committee practices, e.g. posting agendas, recording committee meetings, and public comment opportunities
- Consider whether all committees should offer in-person annual or semi-annual updates at Council meetings

# Council's Community Development Committee (CDC)

- Review 2019 Route 100 commercial zoning recommendations and report to Council
- Develop a standardized checklist (via policy or ordinance) for developers to implement when proposals require a zoning change
- Consider enhancing notification requirements for large scale developments going before the Planning Board or the BZA (that do not need council approval)
- Consider various amendments and clarifications to VC1 zoning



## Council's Finance Committee

- Consider implications of offering early, concrete budget limitations to town staff and school department, e.g. reduction, baseline, increase
- Consider implementation of an affordable housing TIF at the Plummer School apartments, a 55+ community

## Council's Ordinance Committee

- Finish work with the Conservation Commission on a pesticide and fertilizer registry ordinance and voluntary healthy lawn campaign
- Review data on temporary rentals in Falmouth and make recommendation to Council if regulation is needed

# Conservation Commission

- Work with the Council Ordinance Committee on pesticide and fertilizer registry ordinance and voluntary healthy lawn campaign
- Develop public education around the environmental effects of small engines (emissions, noise, etc.)
- Assist in merging the Conservation Commission with the Shellfish Commission

# Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee

- Organize events to market Falmouth as a place to do business, such as speaker series and business forums
- Create a Falmouth Business League to promote success through sustainability, leveraging local talent to cultivate a best-practices culture, and engaging youth and seniors in business resources
- Consider balancing development among business sectors

## Harbor Committee

- Review current mooring fees and recommend any adjustments to the Council

# Land Management & Acquisitions Committee

- In conjunction with the Falmouth Land Trust, review need for and feasibility of an aluminum connector bridge near Falmouth Rd
- Adopt and implement 2020 work plan items, including review of user fees

# Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (and LPAC+)

- Review types and formats of data useful for analyzing effectiveness of current Comprehensive Plan Implementation Strategies and useful for informing a comprehensive plan update
- Other duties as assigned by Council

# **Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee**

- Develop a comprehensive Parks and Active Recreation Areas strategic plan, may include assistance from LMAC, LPAC, and LPAC+
- Town-wide public spaces improvement plan



# Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee

- Following recent state legislation, evaluate possibility of installing a solar array at the Woods Rd landfill
- Develop an awareness program around single use plastic straws, and consider re-assignment to Ordinance Committee
- Continue educational activities regarding recycling compliance

## Items Deferred to Staff to Advance

- Develop and issue an RFP for consultant assistance to prepare a Route 1 North preliminary engineering Plan and update Route 1 North TIF
- Tidewater Master Plan extension
- Review intersection of Rt. 88 and Johnson Rd
- Continue implementation of Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan
- Continue developing Blackstrap Rd Concept Plan
- Develop and launch town-wide newsletter

Thank you