

How successful do you feel the Town has been in each of the following 6 goals over the last decade (2006-2017)? 1 = not at all successful, 5 = very successful

TOTAL (of 4 or more ratings)	What could the Town have done better in the last decade regarding any of the above goals?
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- 30 Limit use of toxic pesticides and herbicides like Round up and lawn care chemicals and fertilizers. Highland Lake watershed could use more support to keep up the quality of the lake.
- 30 Make more town agreements
- 30 N/A
- 30 trash cans and trash pick up
- 29 Creating more sidewalks to access different open spaces from neighborhoods
- 29 more sidewalks throughout town and improved lighting of residential streets.
- 29 Put more funding towards open space acquisition
- 29 Spent more money on acquisitions.
- 28 Better education
- 28 I am not very informed about the towns open spaces.
- 28 I have been impressed with the opportunities for acquisition we have had and have actualized; I think this is due to landowners sharing a widely held value of open space conservation and due to the watchful eye of town conservationists who are aware of the acquisition opportunities and of the ways to make conservation possible.
- 28 Including the younger population about the open space plans.
- 28 There were a few times where the preservation of open space seems to be extreme (i.e. land next to underwood playground)
- 28 We've bought enough land.
- 27 Offer to remove invasive plants from private land.
- 27 Publish a unified map of all open space and trails, much as Portland Trails has done.
- 26 Develop additional green spaces in the more populated sections of the town
- 26 I feel like they could have educated the public more about the open spaces.
- 26 Nothing could be done better, there is ample opportunity for the public to get information on open space.
- 26 One weakness in protecting the parks is that there are no trash cans.
- 26 Perhaps generated greater attention, but that's probably not reasonable. You've done much, and done it well. We must value and preserve our open spaces, before its too late. .
- 26 Provide more well-advertised, public events that bring the community together.
- 26 Provide specific information including basic maps to all Falmouth households
- 26 Put out detailed pamphlet mapping all the trails.
- 26 Spread the word.
- 25 Fix the access point to Pleasant Hill Woods off Allen Ave Ext, the threatening dog on the Daniels property is ridicules.
- 25 ikd
- 25 More education about the trails and how easy to access.

25 not sure - as long as everyone wants to live here, land costs and demand for housing will be high. that's a good thing. The land trust and acquisitions effort will have to include retail prices some times to compete with developers for land. Land swaps and conservation subdivisions still include a lot of development on lands that would be better preserved. I think Falmouth can/should afford to tip the balance towards conservation, even if we spend "too much" on it. It's hugely important not to change the character of this town - lest we become Scarborough or South Portland. We need to lock down our population - maybe risk losing homes to the benefit of commercial development - development that will provide tax benefits but use few town services. If the schools get any more populated, we will have already lost that smallish town feel.

25 Nothing

25 Unsure

25 We have lived here just over two and a half years, so could not speak to this matter in a meaningful way.

25 Work on informing people about the open spaces.

24 controlled/restricted development

24 It'd be valuable to provide some sort of open area, natural playscape/playground for families.

24 Looked closer into all proposed developments-traffic is becoming a real difficulty

24 More open spaces left wild.

24 Not sure.

24 not sure.

24 The Town has been great. I wish that I could have done more - thru more donations to the Falmouth Land Trust. I'll step it up.

24 Yarmouth

23 Communicating that they were doing so.

23 Connect the green spaces through trail networks

23 Focus on additional practical uses for families. There are so few playgrounds in town, that doesn't make any sense. I love the trails but they are constantly being shared with bikers, hunters, and snow mobiles. In the winter, the snow mobiles are dangerous. Would love to see dedicated cross country or snow shoe trails. Dedicated drop in site for kayaks. Events to support each of these sports.

23 I don't know

23 I think the Clapboard Island acquisition was a bad one. Not that it isn't a great place, but it reeks of privilege and "protection" of an inaccessible place that wouldn't have been threatened by any kind of development that people care about. Just felt wrong.

23 I wish I knew what to do to fix this. Maybe we need to carry in firmer soils to shore up trails on loose duff? Perhaps rerouting trails more frequently will allow previously used areas to recover on their own (or, conversely, may worsen the erosion problem by moving the traffic around)? Maybe we need an annual access sticker for cars / bikes to fund more substantial trail building / maintenance work? I don't know what's best, but we're certainly not the first town to face this problem.

23 more public outreach/publicity of resources available accessibility--more opportunities for those with mobility limitations

23 Secure more land as protected open space and wildlife/habitat protection

23 The town could have educated young students of the importance and opportunities of open spaces in Falmouth.

22 Acquire high quality open spaces and habitat all over town--the focus has been on West Falmouth primarily.

- 22 advertising open spaces, including rules and regulations, create sufficient parking for the sites
- 22 Better "the public about the values of open spaces."
- 22 communication
- 22 Connecting the green space among the neighboring towns would be great.
- 22 Unsure
- 21 Dayton
- 21 Educating
- 21 Educating the public
- 21 I don't know
- 21 More communication through us postal service mailings.
- 21 Provide online trail maps of the various open spaces
- 21 Reduce the destructiveness of construction
- 21 saved more land as it still is a long way from spending the 5 million that the residents approved ten years ago. also saving larger tracts of land that are very rare like Falmouth corners

- 21 water drainage system AWAY from Casco Bay
- 20 Accessibility to certain properties is an issue and it would be better to have more of them connected to one-another. Access points to many of these properties are on main roads so it is a challenge to get to them on foot if you are not an abutter. Clearer information about the properties and what they can be used for would be good as well.
- 20 Educated people more, so more people would help.
- 20 inform the public about open places
- 20 Keeping fields a trails open to everyone, and no hunting on public land/trails.
- 20 Management of trails
- 20 More education and outreach. When I moved to town I had a hard time finding information about all the open spaces at the library, town hall etc. On line is poor too.
- 20 Nothing.
- 19 Bought more property to preserve, stop inappropriate development and new roads, houses-like the travesty happening on 88
- 19 Communication could be better -- maps, trail markers and signage are often missing or confusing (hiking, dog walking). More open space is always better, IMHO, and I have been sad to see the loss of undeveloped parcels along the northern section of Rte 1 as growth demands have opened those up for sale and development without any mitigation or additional public spaces.

- 19 Converting open spaces to work force housing land was a terrible idea. Leave open spaces alone build on already developed land.
- 19 Falmouth could do better at connecting open spaces for means other than automobiles -- adding sidewalks to roads during construction and incorporating safe, separate bicycle lanes.

- 19 I am unsure about parking near ocean facilities. Otherwise, it's awesome!
- 19 I feel that the focus has been on open space in West Falmouth, but we need to preserve the remaining open space in the Foreside area as well. In particular, it is critical to preserve the community trails that run in the wooded parcels between Rt. 1 and Rt. 88. These provide endless recreation opportunities for residents of the Foreside neighborhood and really give the neighborhood its distinctive character. I would like to see more focus on conservation and access in the Foreside neighborhood.

- 19 Improve community and quality of the road. Reduce construction on places. Improve power lines to reduce any future risks.
- 19 Make the open spaces more well known

- 19 More emails to communicate
- 19 Protect what is existing even more so.... don't love seeing the lot next to Underwood Park turned into a parking area for Town Landing... should have been a bigger park.
- 19 Publicize open space. And restrain development. Current open space requirement is insufficient. Protect more wetlands.
- 19 Silverson
- 19 taken better care of them
- 19 tell high schoolers more
- 19 Using these spaces for lighter recreation (walking and easy biking vs hiking and technical mountain biking) and alternative transportation (getting to the grocery store or a bus stop by walking or biking.) West Falmouth has almost no safe walking and slow biking areas. Planned upgrades to RT 100 will help a little but much of the area will be isolated from these. Something like a gravel trail on the old trolley bed would be awesome.
- 19 We could use more open spaces.

- 18 By the land before the land owner goes through the planning process, which cost the town more money to buy in the end. Capel Creek farm
- 18 not rezoning growth areas permitting multifamily
- 18 Not sure
- 18 Nothing
- 18 Protected more and larger parcels.
- 18 south portland
- 17 Better publication and information
- 17 Clean up trash in open spaces
- 17 Do more to provide safe access via foot and bike to open spaces from our homes - with wider roads and shoulders and connecting paths.
- 17 Encouraged farming
- 17 I can't really tell because I wasn't in Falmouth yet. What I recognized in the 3 months I'm here Falmouth offers a lot of different opportunities
- 17 less development - support for farming
- 17 Maintenance and continuous improvement of walking and hiking, biking, dog walking trails could be better. Perhaps organizing groups to help more effectively if resources needed.
- 17 More important to repeal zoning that made lot sizes smaller in certain districts and allow for multi-units! Population density is not why we live in Falmouth. We like our private space first and public open space is a secondary. Protect our private space.
- 17 Provide access to the coast (see above). The Town could prevented the Stepford community at Tidewater. The Town could, and should, in my opinion, stop trying to create density where it is not wanted. In addition, one of the main reasons some of us live in the Western part of the town is because of its rural character, because we enjoy our own piece of open space, and because we value the privacy, integrity and the ecological benefits of large open areas.
- 17 Utilize their fields -- there have been times where we have had to practice for sports in other towns or late at night but there are many fields in Falmouth that aren't even being used.
- 16 Informed people more on what they were actually doing
- 16 Need to secure more open space
- 16 Nothing
- 16 See comment above.
- 16 West falmouth needs beautifying too
- 15 Bring more awareness to Town Open Spaces for public use.

- 15 Educating the public about the values of open spaces.
 - 15 Housing development focused on executive developments and now has knee jerked to lower - mid income
 - 15 I can't recall any specific forms of education about the town's public spaces. However, I know that there are systems in place for this purpose.
 - 15 Keeping up trails
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 - 15 More low income housing to make the town more diverse.
 - 15 More outreach: maps, events, etc.
 - 15 nope
 - 15 There's not a lot of awareness of green/public spaces (trails, etc.) unless you live near them and have neighbors, friends, etc. who also use those spaces. It would be nice to have a map/guide to know about all the different places that exist for public use.
 - 14 actually do stuff like have no school when no one has power
 - 14 Creating more spaces that are more easily available
 - 14 Falmouth should have kept Plummet Motz and Lunt School. Also, chain stores such as Ocean State Job Lot are cheapening Falmouth.
 - 14 Huge missed opportunity with the Lunt School property - It was ideal opportunity for mixed use to demonstrate the value is those types of property - there is extremely limited green space/community space large amount of prime real-estate was given away with very limited return to the town

 - 14 I had no idea some of these places existed.
 - 14 More events to showcase properties/spaces
 - 14 Publicize the open spaces so people know more about them and will be more likely to visit them.

 - 14 Purchasing ocean front land (like the Rockefeller estate on Foreside Road) or lake front land (on Highland Lake) to allow water access for citizens.
 - 13 Been more vocal about their goals.
 - 13 Clearly present a plan that excites the entire town on our future. We should be trailblazers.

 - 13 Educating the public further. I am constantly finding new areas of walking/hiking/biking trails, I would love to know more about the trail system.
 - 13 I don't know what can be done to make the trails safer for hikers, but I would like to see something done.
 - 13 Minimize development, the town does not need to grow to survive and prosper.
 - 13 More info
 - 13 N/A
 - 13 N/A
 - 13 Stop cutting down trees and destroying ecosystems for economical purposes.
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- 12 Allocated more funds to purchase green spaces.
 - 12 I think the majority of people in Falmouth either do not know, use or understand where and what these open spaces are or are for....or they are very misinformed if they know anything.

 - 12 Keep large development out and maintain the rural character of the town. Slow down growth. Town is losing it character.
 - 12 USPS mailing information; news publicatio

- 11 Acquiring land that makes sense and not simply buying "what was available" . And after the last large purchase, it was actually proposed to turn around and grant land to a developer to diversify the housing market which would have nullified the purchase. Land for the sake of land does not add value.
- 11 Ask for and listen to the public/residents input.
- 11 Could have sent a survey out with the tax bills
- 11 Educating us re: open spaces. Improved taking care of the Trails that we do have. There are amazing trails behind our house that are no well maintained.
- 11 I don't know much about what exactly the town has done today's but really appreciate what open space there is and hope it's protected longterm, and I do hugely support nature preserves and open space for Falmouth.
- 11 mores trash cans
- 11 Priority for preservation of open space seems mostly to be in more rural areas of town. I would like to see more open space preserved or created in areas with more dense population, where open space is even more precious. A little bit goes a long way.
- 11 Stop building useful things that we most likely won't use. Instead of cramming the town. Use the space for useful things we could go do.
- 11 stop the housing in the west side of town and install an impact fee to all new homes, like Gorham does.
- 11 you wasted hunderds of thousands of dollars remaking the Rt 88/Rt 1 intersection northbound, only to have created a useless, unfunctional, and unsafe intersection, to assuage a feel-good avoid guilt attitude to "protect" bicyclist. Horrible waste
- 11
- 10 Gain more waterfront access. put out more information on where the spaces are and what the public can use them for.
- 10 Provide a definition of public spaces and define all public spaces in the town so as to know of what this survey is talking
- 9 Slow excessive house building
- 8 Consider the impacts to existing landowners, and provide appropriate compensation for ordinance changes.
- 8 Increased education about this topic
- 8 more parks by commercial areas
- 8 There is no solid rec area, there are absolutely no adequate places to play basketball that is always open
- 7 Moratorium on residential/commercial building

- 6 not allow the recent developments on Blackstrap and Middle roads
- 6 Not change zoning/setbacks to ridiculous standards, really work to make rt 1 better, it's a joke, nobody walks there because there aren't homes around it. it'll never be like yarmouth, which has a real town center, look and feel. businesses surrounded by neighborhoods within walking distance
- 5 Idk
- 5 Update trail map more often

- No opinion ?
- No opinion ?
- No opinion Andrews
- No opinion Build less banks
- No opinion By not purchasing land to give rich people tax deductions.
- No opinion Educate population

No opinion Educate students in the school system about this topic.

No opinion fix the intersection at the bottom of mountain road and don't put apartment housing next to mountain road in west Falmouth

No opinion From my perspective on the Falmouth Land Trust (FLT) board, the relationship among LPAC, FLT & the open space ombudsman is very confusing. I doubt very many Falmouth residents know any of the three entities exist, unless they're buying/developing property adjacent to or somehow affected by existing open space/public land. Some info is on the Town website and the FLT website, but few people read it unless they have a reason to do so. I question whether the Planning Board gives more than lip service to open space concerns, since several people on the Planning board are developers or attorneys who represent/have represented developers. As long as land values remain high, property taxes remain a primary income source for the town, and the Planning Board exists the way it does, I don't know how to improve communication among the entities and/or with the public.

No opinion Host Town socials(bbq, kids events) have concerts, organize mountain bike races and/or community runs.

No opinion I do not know.

No opinion i dont care/know

No opinion i dont know

No opinion i dont know

No opinion I don't know

No opinion I don't know

No opinion I don't know much about it to comment.

No opinion I dont know.

No opinion i have no idea

No opinion I have no idea

No opinion I have not been following any of these past goals.

No opinion I think there should be more "push" type communication rather than expecting people to go to website.

No opinion I understand nothing

No opinion idk

No opinion ldk

No opinion idk

No opinion I'm not sure

No opinion It is unrealistic to refuse to provide trash barrels on the tennis courts.

No opinion Lower minimum wage

No opinion Made people know more about open spaces.

No opinion Make me have power again.

No opinion Meduri

No opinion More school

No opinion n/a

No opinion No idea

No opinion No idea I've lived here 2 years

No opinion not aquired as much open space

No opinion not sure

No opinion not sure because I'm not aware of what is underway - I'm only familiar with the work being done on the trail system.

No opinion Not sure.

No opinion nothing

No opinion nun.

No opinion Perhaps integrating community/town solar power.

No opinion Promote your efforts. Educate the public. Use access to open space as a way to draw people to move to the town in the same way the excellent school system is used. If it is great - promote it.

No opinion Provide information. Any information is better than none..

No opinion Snow