

# *Town of Falmouth, Maine*

**ANNUAL REPORT 2005**



## *Town Honors Citizen of the Year: Linda Roberts*



*Linda Roberts* has been a member of the Falmouth Emergency Medical Team for 27 years. For 11 years, she was deputy chief; currently she is a lieutenant. She drives an ambulance. She performs CPR. Roberts saves lives.

Roberts has been a paramedic since 1988. She is known as a mentor to teenagers and young people who join the rescue team. When Roberts is not working for the town as a per diem paramedic, she takes extra shifts as a volunteer.

Roberts has received countless community awards. In 1997 and 1998, she earned the Star of Life award for high call volume in Falmouth rescue. A year later, she was given an appreciation award for dedicated service to Falmouth's Police Department and citizens, and the David P. Colwell Memorial Award. She was also recognized by the state with the Emergency Medical Service Merit Award.

Roberts was nominated by her friend Janet Lund. In a letter to Town Councilors, she said it was impossible to "enumerate all the people whose lives Linda has touched. She has a very strong sense of community and needs to do what she can to help the citizens of her home town."

We thank Linda Roberts for her many years of caring for the Falmouth community.

(abstracted from Sherry Whittemore's article in the July 7, 2005 *the Forecaster*.)

# Town of Falmouth

## Annual Report

### Year Ending December 31, 2005

## Visit Your Hometown Website

Communication and access to information makes a community strong. Though the modes of communication change, the efforts to constantly improve information access are constant.

[www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us) is the Town of Falmouth's website. The Information Systems Administrator and Clerk's Department maintain the site with up-to date information. Our mission is to provide another means to better serve our citizens and customers.



- On the homepage, you may select from the drop-down menu or view upcoming events or bulletins; read about current projects and issues under study; sign up to receive emails about events, public hearings, and meetings.
- You may visit departments, boards and committees, library, schools, and historical society by logging on.
- Visit the Falmouth Memorial Library for public access to computers and someone will assist you in using electronic information.
- **Online Vehicle Registration Renewal**  
On our homepage, click on the Rapid Renewal picture and you begin the process..
- Online dog registration is available. Visit [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us) and click on "townclerk/doglicensing"

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# Letter of Transmittal

*John "Doug" Harris,  
Town Manager*

*To the Honorable Town Council and Citizens of the Town of Falmouth:*

I herein submit the 2005 Annual Town Report, which is my 27th and final report to you on the activities and accomplishments of your local government.

It has been said that faith is for beginnings and gratitude is for endings. As my service with you is coming to an end, I am truly grateful for having had the wonderful opportunity to serve and be a part of this great community. Since coming here from Kansas in 1979, you have made my family and me feel welcome even though we were from "away."

No matter where we may go, Falmouth will always feel like home to us.

I am especially thankful for all the talented and dedicated elected officials, citizens, and employees with whom I have had the pleasure of serving. It is you who have made possible the many accomplishments we have achieved over the years. Your hard work, compassion, positive outlook, and belief in the common good have made it possible for our community to make such great strides. Thanks to your efforts, there is not a better place in Maine to live, work, and raise a family.

I would encourage you to hold fast to the things that have enabled Falmouth to make such remarkable progress. We have wonderful amenities in Falmouth. Our schools, library, parks and open spaces, neighborhoods and commercial areas are outstanding. They are supported by well-maintained infrastructures, top-notch municipal services, and the town is in excellent financial condition.

But while these things are all nice, the heart of every great community is relationships. It is the friendly, cooperative and supportive relationships and community spirit fostered over the years that are Falmouth's greatest asset. These types of relationships do not just happen. They must be sought after continually with patience, trust, good will, and a willingness to understand and consider the interests of others as well as our own.

The book of Ecclesiastes says that there is a season and time for everything and my season and time have come to an end as your Town Manager. Saying goodbye is difficult. It is a sad time, but it is not bad, for it is also a time for beginning a new season in Falmouth.

It is an opportunity for others to come and bring fresh ideas and energy to this thriving community. I know that you will give the new manager the same support and cooperation that I have enjoyed.

Knowing this town as I do, I have great hopes and expectations for Falmouth's future. There is a temptation for me to focus on all that has been accomplished over the years, but now is the time to look to the future and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead.

I wish you all the best. May God bless you and guide you as you continue to seek to serve and live in harmony with one another.

Yours truly, *Doug Harris*

# Our Town

## Government

The Council-Manager form of government was established in Falmouth in 1962. Since that time, the town has had a Town Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town. The Town Council consists of a seven-member elected board, including the Chairperson. The Town Council meets twice a month, once in workshop and once at a regular scheduled monthly meeting. Falmouth's town government continues to be effective, responsive and committed to a high level of service.

## About Falmouth

Falmouth was first settled in the 1600s and received its first recognition as a town in 1658. It received its name in honor of a small village at the mouth of the Fal River in Cornwall, England, from which some of the earliest settlers came. The original boundaries extended all the way from the Spurwink River in Scarborough up the coast to a point opposite Clapboard Island. This covered most of what is now Westbrook, Cape Elizabeth and South Portland, which broke away in 1765; Portland followed in 1785, and Westbrook in 1814, leaving Falmouth the size it is today. In 1718 the town was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 1786 it was recognized as the 46<sup>th</sup> town as part of the newly established State of Maine.

Falmouth, Maine is located about seven miles north of Portland on the coast of Maine. It has a population of about 11,500 people, and covers roughly 32 square miles from the coastline to rural areas further inland. Falmouth schools are ranked as one of the best in the state. It is a vibrant, independent town that provides most services to citizens itself; cooperative agreements with regional agencies and neighboring communities help to round out a full program of services.

The current Town Hall was built in 1899 and has seen many renovations over the years.

## Falmouth Town Council 1978 — Present

### Doug Harris, Town Manager

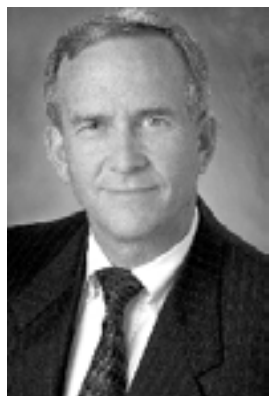
Judith S. Benoit  
Joyce S. Harmon  
Robinson L. Bidwell  
Jean H. Mayhew  
George R. Chenell  
John J. Russell  
Robert J. Feeney  
H. Theodore Vail  
John E. Robinson  
Robert J. Feeney  
George F. Burns  
Jonathan S. Piper  
Larry Donatello Jr.  
William Lund  
Mary Nelson  
Robert May  
Peter Culley

Charles Erway  
Charles Harriman  
Karl Turner  
Kevin McCarthy  
John MacGregor  
Harold C. Payson III  
Normand Trudel  
Mark Lavoie  
Pays Payson  
William Lunt III  
Bonnie Anderson  
John Robinson  
Gus Root  
Elaine McCool  
Leonard Nelson  
John Hobson

David Murray  
Donna Lord  
James Graul  
Edward Kitchel  
Dolores Vail  
Richard Mulhern  
Jacob Manheimer  
Fred Leighton  
David Clark  
Peggy McGhee  
Richard Olson  
Ann Goggin  
Paul Davis  
Andrew Vamvakias  
David Libby  
Cathy Breen

# Town Council 2005-06

## Elected Officials



**PAUL DAVIS**  
*Chair*



**RICHARD OLSON**



**DAVID LIBBY**  
*Vice-Chair*



**CATHERINE BREEN**



**ANN GOGGIN**



**ANDY VAMVAKIAS**



**RICHARD MULHERN**

### Administrative Officers 2005-2006

Town Manager .....	John "Doug" Harris
Superintendent.....	George Entwistle
School Business Manager .....	Daniel O'Shea
Assessor .....	Anne Gregory
Chief of Police.....	Ed Tolan
Code Enforcement Officer.....	Al Farris, Jr.
Deputy Chief, Emergency Medical Services.....	Rory Putnam
Director of Parks and Community Programs .....	Skip Varney
Director of Wastewater Treatment .....	Robert "Pete" Clark
Engineer/Director of Public Works .....	Anthony Hayes
Finance Director .....	John McNaughton
Fire Chief .....	Cameron Martin
Planner .....	George Theborge
Town Clerk .....	Kathleen Babeu

## Town Meetings

### Town Council

Workshop: 7:00 pm  
Tuesday prior to Council Meeting  
Meeting: 7:00 pm  
4th Monday of the month

### Board of Zoning Appeals

7:00 pm  
4th Tuesday of the month

### Planning Board

6:30 pm  
1st Tuesday of the month

### Cable Television Committee

Monthly  
Call for Schedule

### Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

7:00 pm  
2nd Thursday of the month

### Community Programs Advisory Committee

Monthly  
Call for Schedule

### Conservation Commission

7:00 pm  
1st Monday of the month

### Harbor Waterfront Committee

Call for Schedule

### Recycling Committee

4:30 pm  
1st Thursday of the month  
Public Works Office, Woods Rd.

### Shellfish Conservation Committee

Call for Schedule

Most meetings take place at the Town Hall, 271 Falmouth Road; however, the time and date of these meetings are subject to change.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 781-5253 for confirmation of dates, times, and locations — or visit [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us)

# Boards and Committees

as of April 2006

## Appointed

### ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND SEWER APPEALS (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Andrew Sparks (12/05)  
Lois Lengyel (8/06)  
William Lunt, III (4/08)

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Stephen Walker (10/06)  
Richard Bayer (11/07)  
Kevin McCarthy (9/08)  
Ann Marie Pender (10/08)  
Eileen Quinn (4/07)  
Dan Thornton, (3/07)  
Justin Peter Edwards (9/08)

### BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS (Chair — 4 year term; members — 3 year terms)

\*Dorothy Melanson (2/08)  
Sandra Davis (2/08)  
Faith Varney (4/09)

### CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Richard Klain (6/06)  
Donna Little (6/06)  
Bonita Marchetti (10/07)  
Lisa Preney (6/08)

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Hugh Smith (1/08)  
Hugh Coxe, *Planning Board Liaison*  
Ann Marie Pender, *ZBA Liaison*  
Elizabeth Robinson (2/07)  
Victoria Swerdlow (8/07)  
Karen Farber, *School Board Liaison*  
Joseph Wroblewski (1/09)

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Robert Shafto (5/06)  
Willie Audet (12/07)  
Mel Dickenson (12/07)  
Caleb Hemphill (6/06)  
Steven Hundley (5/06)  
Frank Ruch (10/08)  
Jeffrey Simmons (1/07)

### FALMOUTH TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

\*William Robinson (3/07)  
John Davis, Jr. (3/06)  
Margaret Paine (6/07)  
Richard Scala (3/07)  
Tim VanderMel (6/08)  
Jeffrey Walker (3/07)  
Joseph Wroblewski (3/07)

### HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Maura McGowan (4/07)  
Stephen Archmbault (4/09)  
Richard Garrett (2/08)  
Pete Leavitt (4/09)  
John Winslow (7/07)

### HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

Jane Sudds (7/07)  
Susan Love (4/06)  
Diane Moore (11/06)

### PLANNING BOARD (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Hugh Coxe (12/08)  
Polly Blake Burke (5/07)  
Anthony Calcagni (7/07)  
William Lunt, III (9/07)  
Timothy O'Donovan (8/06)  
David Fenderson, *1st Associate Member*  
Joseph Wroblewski, *2nd Associate Member*

### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Faith Varney (2/08)  
John Davis, Jr. (3/09)  
Carol Fredricksen (7/07)  
Karen Jones (11/06)  
Diane Moore (2/09)  
Nancy Richards (2/08)  
Steve Tenney (3/09)

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Bonnie Anderson (12/07)  
\*Kelly Thompson-Fernald (1/09)  
John Adelman (8/06)  
John Henson (3/09)  
Ellen Klain (7/07)  
William McMahon (1/09)

### REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Kathleen Babeu, *Registrar*  
Ryan Anderson, *Deputy Registrar*  
Betsy Whitcomb, *Deputy Registrar*

### SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERMS)

\*Lyman Kennedy (10/06)  
Donna Cheney (6/08)  
Wing Goodale (10/08)  
Brian Preney (7/08)  
Carl Smith (6/08)

### FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Marsha Clark (Pres)  
Thomas Sauberlich (Vice-Pres)  
Laurie Hasty (Vice-Pres)  
Meredith Charest (Rec. Sec)  
Catherine Sexton (Corr. Sec)  
Kevin Tierney (Treas)  
Rebekah Bucci  
Bob Cerf  
Mary Louise Dyer  
Suzanne Remington-Fox  
Arthur Frederiksen  
Scott Schnapp  
Dorothy Wentworth  
Faith Varney, *Friends of  
the Library Representative*  
*Lifetime Honorary Member*  
Roy Wilson, *Honorary Trustee*  
(deceased 2006)



\* DENOTES CHAIR

# Code Enforcement Building Regulation



*Albert Farris, Jr., Senior Code Officer*

**Mission Statement:** *We are committed to achieving an unparalleled quality of service to the citizens of this community and its service providers, by providing prompt, friendly service and fostering a "can do" spirit.*

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**Albert W. Farris Jr.**, Code Enforcement Officer, Senior Building Official, Health Officer, Plumbing Inspector

**Thomas M. Lister**, Code Enforcement Officer, Building Official and Field Inspector

**Patrice Perrault**, Administrative Assistant

## *This Department is responsible for:*

- Guidance for all customers, permitting, investigation, and prosecution of violations for: Building Codes, National Electrical Code, Fire, Energy, Heating Appliance, Fuel Gas, Chimney/Fireplace, and Internal Plumbing Codes; as well as, Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules and Sanitation of food establishments.
- Administration and enforcement of the Town's Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance, State of Maine Land Use Regulations, Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act (which includes lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and wetlands), the Clean Water Act Erosion Control Rules; Americans with Disabilities Act, the Maine Human Rights Act, and the FEMA Regulations on Floodplain Management. These are some of the 31 specific State Laws enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer. (SPO/CEO handbook, January 2003)
- Staff support for the Board of Zoning Appeals, including preliminary review of applications.
- Initiation of revisions to Building Codes and Town Ordinances.
- The staff is available to the community to answer questions, and to discuss projects and concerns; via email and phone or by appointment at a site or in the office.

## *Zoning Board of Appeals*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board that have recently volunteered their time to serve as Associate Members, *Justin Edwards* and *Kevin McCarthy, Esq.* Also thank you to those that have risen to the challenge and will complete their first year this spring; *Richard Bayer*, *Eileen Quinn*, *Dan Thornton* and *Ann Marie Pender*. Thank you as well to *Stephen Walker* for serving as Chairman, and to Past Chairman, *Aaron Julien* for your four plus years of service. Aaron has accepted another challenge and moved out of state this year. Thanks again to all of you.

## *Staff*

- **Albert Farris**,  
*Chief Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Official, LPI, and Health Officer*

Al is State Certified in Legal Issues & Enforcement Techniques, Building Standards, Shoreland Zoning, Land Use Regulations, Subsurface Wastewater Disposal, Internal Plumbing, and Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80K. He also holds Certificates in Onsite Wastewater System Inspections and Erosion Control, and was recently awarded a Certificate of Municipal Leadership with the Edmond S. Muskie School of Public Service.

The Senior Code Officer, spends a majority of his time with the public — in the office, on the phone, and at site visits — on a variety of issues from non-conforming lots/homes, shoreland/wetland issues, demolition and

rebuild of existing structures, erosion control issues and violations, land use violations include but are not limited to: junkyards, building without permits, and fill placement.

Zoning Board applications require many hours of time in site investigations, meetings with applicants and design professionals, and the research and writing of agenda notes.

The senior code officer is also responsible for the Town Hall building itself, including boiler, elevator, and fire protection inspections and maintenance, as well as cleaning.

#### • Thomas Lister

*Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Official, Local Plumbing Inspector, (Field Inspector).* Tom is state certified in Legal Issues & Enforcement Techniques, Building Standards, Shoreland Zoning, Land Use Regulations, Subsurface Wastewater Disposal, and Internal Plumbing. He also holds Certificates in Onsite Wastewater System Inspections and Erosion Control.

Tom inspects all residential and commercial construction, additions, and renovations; electrical installations; and plumbing and subsurface wastewater disposal systems. Most projects require several visits and inspections. Tom also does plan review for details of structural components, building height, and energy code compliance.

#### •Patrice Perreault

Patrice joined the Town in March 2005 when Johanna Kraus accepted a position in the Zoning Administration Office in Tucson Arizona. *The Code*



**Thomas Lister**, *Code Officer, Building Official, Plumbing Inspector*

*Assistant* is the first face to customer service; able to answer many questions and provide information, in addition to working specifically with applicants coming before the Zoning Board. The assistant also handles Zoning Board legal notifications, reports, and various details in support of the Board. The Code Assistant handles all the administrative work of this department.

## Continuing Education

In addition to administration of codes and ordinances, the Code Enforcement staff has a legal obligation to maintain certifications. The State Planning Office provides minimum annual requirements. We pursue legal training with the Maine Bar Association on land use and subdivision laws.

Due to a concentration of legal training with the Maine Bar Association on Land Use and Subdivision Law and other legal issues, the senior code officer spends more time in class than the Field Inspector

Outside educational opportunities are pursued when appropriate. Additional classes provide us with information on the latest technologies, and code changes; and are broader in spectrum than state-sponsored training.

## Fees

Gross Fee revenue for FY 05 covered the costs of operating the Division, and helped to offset some of the cost of the Planning Division.

<i>Building Activity Last Ten Calendar Years</i>										
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Building Permits</b>	292	283	308	343	333	274	361	315	307	235
<b>New Single Family</b>	91	84	103	91	91	50	58	51	43	55
<b>New Commercial</b>	2	1	2	5	5	2	4	1	3	1
<b>Zoning Board Appeals</b>	55	69	52	61	58	43	86	63	63	42
<b>Building Permit Fees</b>	\$81,955	\$70,451	\$99,046	\$101,693	\$90,697	\$90,976	\$110,925	\$129,070	\$190,572	\$231,924
<b>Other Permit Fees</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$54,121	\$89,341	\$45,120



# Planning Department

George Theborge, Town Planner  
Ethan Croce, Assistant Planner

## *This Department is responsible for:*

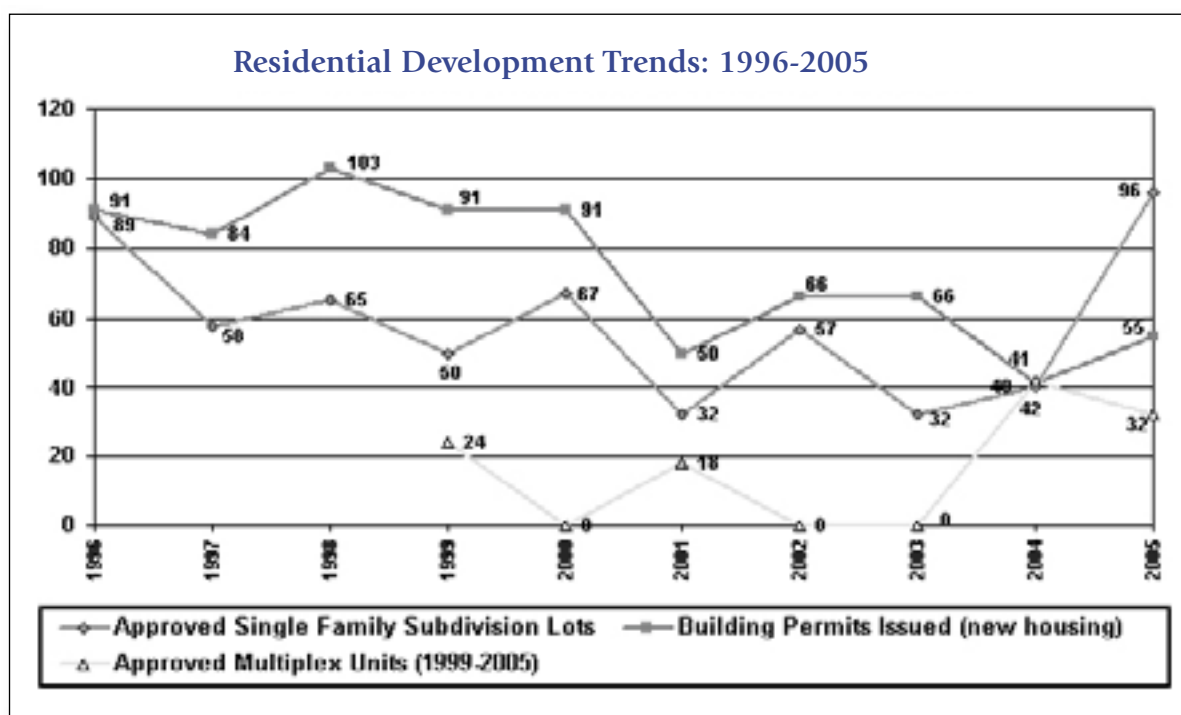
- Providing research and technical assistance to the Town Manager, Town Council, Planning Board, Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, other department heads, and our citizens.
- Implementing and enforcing land use regulations relating to site plan and subdivision reviews.

George Theborge, Town Planner

## Highlights of the Year

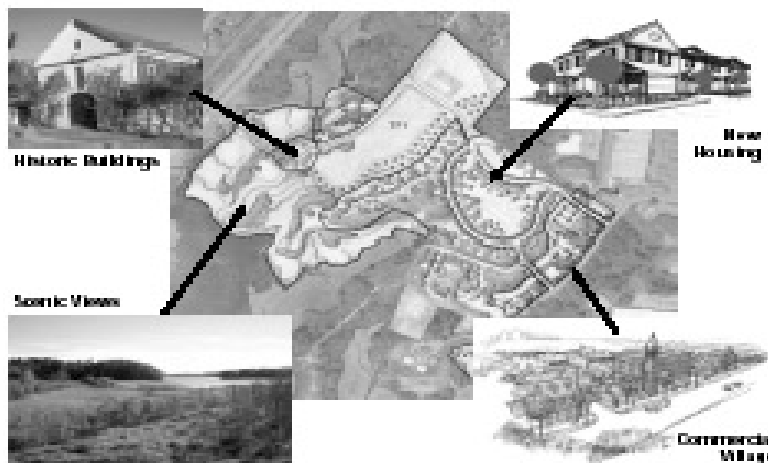
### ■ Planning Board Activities

- The Planning Board approved 13 residential developments with a total of 128 homes or living units (32 multi-family units were approved for the Tidewater special development district). At the time of this report, projects with more than 100 units are currently before the Planning Board.
- New single family home construction starts continued well below the town's cap of 65 units per year, but multi-family units matched last year's activities.
- Commercial activity picked up, with redevelopment of the Falmouth Shopping Center, and smaller commercial buildings being approved for upper Route One and at West Falmouth Crossing on Route 100.



## ■ *Tidewater Farm Project Moves to Construction*

- In July of 2001, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee conducted a master planning project to create a community vision for the future of the scenic Tidewater Farm on Lunt Road.
- The resulting conceptual master plan called for extending the Route One Village Center along Clearwater Drive and preserving much of the farm as open space by doing compact residential and commercial development.
- Following the general guidance provided by the concept plan, the Town Council worked with developer David Bateman to implement a special zoning district that preserves 23 acres of open fields that will continue to support agricultural activities and provide scenic views of the Portland skyline.



## ■ *Compact Development Study wins state award*

- The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee's report on compact development won the Maine Association of Planners' award for the best land use plan produced in the state.
- The plan provides objective criteria for determining where in Falmouth more compact development might be feasible and appropriate based on availability of public utilities, access to major roads, impact on natural resources and open space, and proximity to schools and other activity centers.
- The plan contains a set of recommendations for exploring new ways to address existing forms of compact development and provides a policy spectrum that could be applied to additional opportunities.

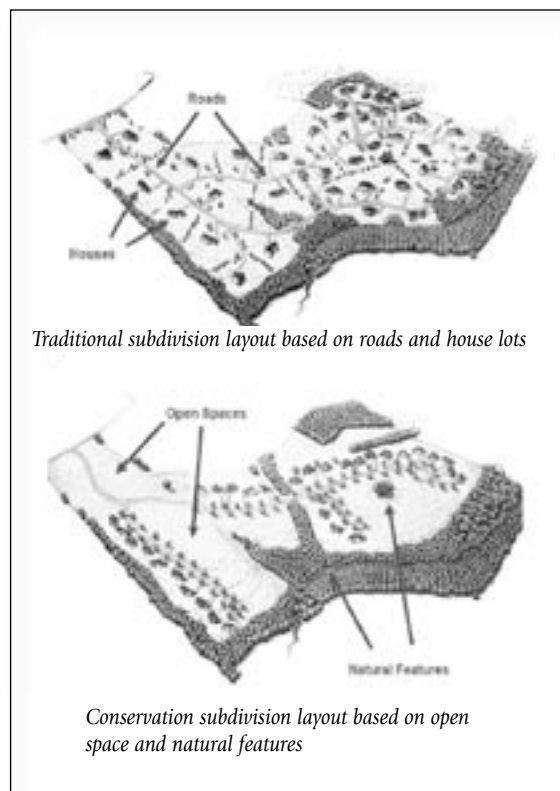
## ■ *Conservation Commission Completes Open Space Plan Update*

- The Conservation Commission completed work on a major overhaul of the 1990 Open Space Plan.
- The 1990 plan provided a broad vision for open space policies and a tool box of ideas that led to major land acquisition efforts and changes to land use ordinances.
- The 2005 update titled "The Greening of Falmouth" brings more focus to the town's open space planning efforts in the following areas:
  - ✓ Retaining and protecting Falmouth's rural character and scenic resources
  - ✓ Ensuring the availability of outdoor recreation
  - ✓ Preserving large tracts of undeveloped land that provide wildlife habitat
  - ✓ Providing connections between open spaces
  - ✓ Actively managing open spaces to benefit all citizens
- The Conservation Commission is currently seeking public input on the plan.
- Summary copies are available at Town Hall and the Library.

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## ■ Conservation Zoning Adopted to Preserve Open Space and Rural Character

- In December, the Town Council enacted amendments to the zoning and subdivision ordinances to require all new subdivisions to cluster homes around common open space.
- This new land use strategy replaces the large lot zoning that has been in effect in most of Falmouth since the 1960s.
- The same number of homes will be allowed on each land tract, but the placement of new homes will consider the natural and cultural features of the land and will preserve them in ways that enhance the value of the housing.
- In addition to the views afforded to each home by the open spaces, trails will provide opportunities for access and recreation.
- Open spaces in conservation subdivisions will also provide opportunities for wildlife corridors and trail connections to other open spaces in town.



## ■ Commercial Development Improved by Town's Design Guidelines

- Since adoption of the 1994 Comprehensive Plan, the town has required that developers of commercial property follow design guidelines enacted for properties along Routes 1 and 100.
- The town's guidelines allow great flexibility for a variety of design approaches, but require high quality construction and coordination with existing and proposed structures in the area.
- Both large and small scale projects along both commercial corridors came before the Planning Board for review in 2005.



*Developers' plans for the Falmouth Shopping Center would have left the existing facades intact with only a little window dressing as shown in these two photos above.*



*The town's design guidelines required the existing buildings to be upgraded to match the new Shaw's super-market façade as shown in this photo. The improvements are the first major upgrade in more than three decades.*



*Kathleen Babeu, Town Clerk*

## Town Clerk

**Kathleen W. Babeu**, CMC, Town Clerk, Registrar, Dedimus Justice, and Welfare Director

**Ryan J. Anderson**, Deputy Town Clerk

The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record, for the past and the present. The Clerk's Department is responsible for: issuing licenses, permits; supervising and coordinating elections; maintaining voter registration information; recording vital records; providing administrative support to the Town Manager and Town Council, boards and committee; providing information and notices on the website to the public, and town departments; coordinating the annual town report; administering the General Assistance program.

### Highlights from the Year

*Year 2005 certainly, kept the department quite busy. Two elections were held, one in June and the second in November. Following is the Clerk's department summary at a glance:*

- Absentee ballots continue to increase in popularity at the town hall. In the past couple of years, we have witnessed a steady rise in absentees prior to election day, and anticipate the trend to continue.
- Our municipal elections, which elects representatives to the Town Council and School Board, are held the 2nd Tuesday in June each year. For 2006, the municipal election date is Tuesday, June 13th. The state gubernatorial election is November 14th.
- The previous Deputy Town Clerk, *Christina Silberman* accepted the position of Town Clerk in Gorham, Maine. *Ryan Anderson* was hired in August as the new Deputy Clerk.
- We are pleased to announce our new on-line dog registration. To license on-line, simply visit: **www.doglicensing.com** or you may go to the clerk's web page; click **dog licensing**, and click on the link. Please remember that your dog licenses are due by the end of each calendar year.
- You may also obtain a hunting/fishing license on-line at: **www.state.me.us** and click on **buy hunting & fishing licenses**.
- Town Landing/Transfer Station passes are now one in the same. They are available at the town hall at a cost of \$3.00 each and are valid through 2008.

- Our Code of Ordinance is available on-line. Visit **www.town.falmouth.me.us**, and scroll to **Ordinances**.
- New Resident packets continue in popularity at Town Hall. If you have a new neighbor, please mention to stop in to the Clerk's dept to pick up a packet filled with helpful information.
- Sold 1,248 mooring permits.
- Assisted the Human Service Committee, providing a total of \$13,500 to 14 social service agencies.
- Re-visited our filing system, and updated our files and forms.
- Kept the Clerk's and Council web pages updated. This included posting agendas, meeting notices and Council meeting actions, plus updating the boards and committees openings and memberships.
- Continued to keep our residents informed with our distribution of Town Council agendas to the following locations: Harmons, Waldo's, Nina's Variety, Shaws, Hannafords, Town Landing Market, Falmouth Library.
- Recorded 15 council meetings.

#### **www.town.falmouth.me.us**

The Department's website contains helpful information on topics such as licensing, elections, council, town landing parking stickers, vital records, and voter registration. We encourage residents to visit our website. On Falmouth's homepage, simply scroll down and click on "Town Clerk."

### Licenses and Permits Issued

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Dog Licenses	876	858	995	1,076
Fish and Gaming Licenses	921	887	813	780
Food Establishment Licenses	58	51	57	56
Parking Permits	1,185	1,226	1,005	1,981
Mooring Permits	1,150	1,198	1,194	1,248



### Council Meetings

- Regular Meetings: 12
- Special Meetings: 2
- Organizational Meeting: 1
- Public Hearings: 39

### Elections

*The following elections were held during 2005:*

#### June 14, 2005: Municipal Election

- 2 Town Councilors
  - 3 School Board Directors
- Number of Voters: 2,368  
Percentage Voter Turnout: 28%

#### November 8, 2005:

#### State Referendum Election

Number of Voters: 3,905  
Percentage Voter Turnout: 45%



## Elections Require the Work of Many Volunteers — Thank You!

I would like to recognize and thank all those citizens who took time out of their busy lives to serve as election officials in 2005. The success of our elections relies upon the dedication and work of our election workers.

**Special thanks to:** Karen Anthony, Ann Barnicle, Dorothy Baldwin, Dorothy Brunette, Polly Burke, Colleen Donovan, Maratha Dudley, Richard Dudley, Donna Enking, Theresa Forestell, Priscilla Hallett, David Harmon, Joyce Harmon, Marjorie Hodges, David Humphrey, Joan Jense, Dolores Kehoe, Arlene Lano, Shirley MacMaster, Donald McCrann, Nancy Merrill, Charlotte O'Connor, Mary Pasmore, Susan Payzant, Deborah Reed, Nancy Richards, Dolores Rimkunas, Marion Ross, Christina Silberman, Lee Snow, Robert Stakel, Susan Tartre, Doris Thomas, Deborah Walker, Sherry Welch, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Jean Whiting, Mary Agnes Wine, Peggy Wood.

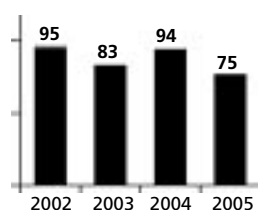
## General Assistance

The General Assistance program provides financial assistance to residents of the town who are having difficulty meeting basic needs such as housing, utilities (electricity and heating fuel), and food.

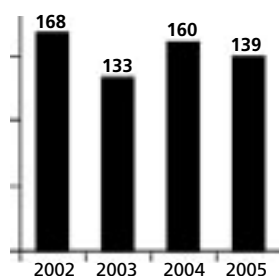
This program is funded by local property taxes with a 50% reimbursement from the state.

General Assistance	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Amount Expended	\$1,034	\$70	\$2,686	\$4,136.63	\$7,073.86
Amount Reimbursed	\$517	\$35	\$1,343	\$2,068.31	\$3,536.93
Actual Expense to Town	\$517	\$35	\$1,343	\$2,068.32	\$3,536.93
Number of Cases	4	5	15	9	17
Number of persons assisted	10	3	25	23	38

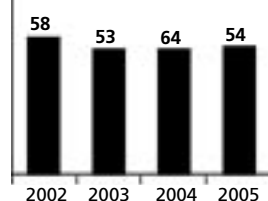
## BIRTHS



## DEATHS



## MARRIAGES



## In memory of those who left us in 2005

The Falmouth Lions donates funds to the Falmouth Memorial Library for a book purchase in memory of each deceased person.

## A Welcome to those who began their lives in 2005

Abbott, Natalie Brooks, 9/7	Fuller, Andrew S., 6/27	Pilich, Trevor H., 1/13
Abbott, Victoria E., 3/30	Gale, William, 6/10	Preston, Nathan A., 1/28
Bassett, Camden Avery, 6/21	Gaudet, Grace Victoria, 10/17	Purves, Miciah W., 7/12
Bender, Katherine, 5/7	Goodbody, Hannah Karin, 10/17	Raftice, Seamus, 4/14
Bickerstaff, Piper, 4/3	Harmon, Chloe Eliza-Ann, 12/15	Riley, Patricia, 6/17
Bishop, Henry A., 4/28	Heissenbittel, Anne C., 5/22	Ripkin-Stiles, Ethan, 3/25
Braley, Thomas Carlton, 8/14	Higgins, Ivan G., 6/4	Rogers, Lindsay J., 4/22
Brown, Dawson Gregory, 7/8	Hooper, Amelia M., 5/2	Saulter, Brooke, 1/25
Browne, Calia K., 8/9	Jette, Jack Thomas, 12/2	Schutz, Ethan Thompson, 3/13
Burns, Natalie Elisabeth, 8/11	Johnson, William Fountain Gamage, 9/21	Severino, Anthony, 5/5
Buchanan, Avery Emerson, 11/3	Jones, Smith J.M., 5/6	Sholl, Rhyse Alexandra, 11/25
Burns, Sylvia C., 1/12/03	Kelly, Benjamin Harvey, 9/29	Simonds, Christopher Wickham, 11/16
Calcagni, Bennett Eli, 9/18	Kelly, Sophia Lynn, 11/9	Smith, Caroline, 12/10
Caxton-Smith, Finn J., 1/21	Labbe, Adien R., 5/28	Straus, Mitchell Mackin, 12/31
Chadbourne, Elizabeth N., 7/8	Light, Cecilia D., 7/24	Tracy, Caroline R., 3/27
Chapman, Hugh, 6/21	Low, Trevor Calvin, 11/9	Tolley, Adelaide, 6/14
Charron, Camden, 6/15	MacMahon, Norah M., 2/25	Troubh, Alexander Samuel, 11/17
Cromwell, Max, 4/28	Mancini, Rocco C., 2/11	Vares, Hannah M., 5/24
Daniels, Holden Robert, 12/20	Maramraju, Sudhiksha, 2/25	Verrill, Peter John III, 10/29
Dawson, Shannon K., 5/22	Michuad, Dorothy E., 7/28	Warner, Alexander Daniel, 12/4
Dinapoli, Charles A., 4/10	Milosavljevic-Cook, Sofia, 2/25	Woodbury, Miles G., 8/7
Donahue, Henry Pickering, 8/18	Murray, Audrey C., 1/22	Xu, Leqi Coco, 8/30
Ford, Abigail I., 6/4	Nalchajian, Andrew Webster, 8/20	Young, Lily, 5/10
Foster, Brandon M., 3/30	Noyes, Andrew C., 4/12	
Fougere, Lucia Louisa Gilano, 10/3	Owsley, McKay Grace, 11/9	
Fougere, William David Gilano, 10/3	Peters, Maximilliam B., 1/5	

Alder, Andrew, 3/21	Gates, Evelyn E., 9/23	Massey, Edna, 3/2	Tompkins, Sigrid, 2/15
Andrews, Helen A., 7/6	Gentile, Virginia M., 5/4	McLean, Emory Allen, 12/23	Tonseth, Phebe, 2/5
Baade, Hildreth M., 9/27	Gooch, Valerie Finlay, 11/17	McLean, Mary E., 8/10	Tracy, Delbert R., 2/17
Barry, Shirley, 3/12	Graffam, Katherine H., 3/3	Michaud, M. Gloria, 10/21	Vanlonkhuyzen, Susan A., 1/7
Bass, Martha L., 7/5	Greenbaum, Robert M., 6/9	Miller, Nelson Franklin, 8/14	Verrill, Larry W., 9/28
Beecher, Margaret E., 12/28	Groves, Oscar S., 1/15	Mitchell, Alice S., 1/22	Walsh, Muriel Joan, 12/5
Bell, Richard Henry, 8/28	Hackenberger, Nancy Chamberlain, 12/11	Mougalian, Vehanough, 11/20	Welborn, Elizabeth Cleaves, 10/8
Bernton, Erika, 12/13	Hackett, George, 4/13	Murphy, Perry M., 10/18	Wilcox, James J., 7/13
Binnie, Thomas T., 2/8	Halling, William H., 8/19	Noonan, Thomas E., 9/26	Williams, Arnold W., 9/13
Blake, Elizabeth E., 2/19	Hall, Evelyn May, 8/25	Parker, Dorothy E., 2/19	Williams, John N., 1/1
Bomberger, Charlotte, 12/16	Harding, William H., 8/19	Parker, Richard, 1/1	Wilson, Leroy B., 12/6
Booth, Christine Ida, 9/12	Harriman, Ann Rees, 9/7	Parker, William J., 5/24	Wing, Carlton P., 2/8
Bourque, Joseph W., 4/1	Harriman, Paul S., 5/10	Pawle, Martha B., 1/5	Wirths, Roland Malcolm, 10/2
Brown, Patricia, 5/27	Hawkes, Norma A., 7/10	Payson, Derek Brown, 9/15	Witherell, Bessie Josephine, 10/21
Bunker, Charlene N., 1/1	Higgins, Gloria N., 11/5	Pender, Bernard A. Sr., 5/23	Wood, Deborah G., 8/26
Calahan, Margaret H., 1/13	Hillas, Mary A., 8/11	Pepin, Gertrude S., 7/20	Wood, Jamesina, 6/28
Cameron, Rachael A., 10/11	Hurd, Howard D., 1/20	Pierce, Leonard, 5/11	Wright, Irene L., 1/19
Capelluti, Blanche H., 4/26	Hurlbut, Donald W., 1/28	Pierce, Wesley E., 7/9	Zack, Morris, 6/26
Capelluti, Joseph A., 11/1	Jackson, Clayton Dexter, 11/20	Pilkington, Kathleen W., 7/20	Zazzara, Guy, 9/21
Carr, James Drew, 11/3	Jenkins, Charles D., 1/26	Plummer, Dorothea Edna, 10/30	
Christiansen, Beverly C., 2/3	Jenks, Robert S., 12/17	Porteous, L. Robert, 1/22	
Cianchette, Norris L., 5/10	Jensen, Louise O., 3/1	Redmond, Barbara L., 6/3	
Clark, Frederick Boughton, 11/17	Jones, Geraldine B., 10/23	Ritchie, David Algin, 10/18	
Cranford, Mattalaine C., 6/5	Joyce, Stanley A., 9/19	Ross, William M., 12/26	
Crawford, Philip R., 3/8	Kasiola, Stanley J., 9/9	Rothrock, Albert H., 1/8	
Dana, Barbara W., 8/17	Kellner, Virginia K., 1/19	Ryan, Joseph H., 5/23	
Darling, Raymond E., 1/2	Knight, Robert John, 10/14	Schair, Douglas, 1/27	
Davidson, David Daniel, 12/5	Kuvent, Arnold H., 7/1	Shaw, Priscilla S., 10/3	
Dawkins, Albert William, 12/30	Lantery, Harre E., 1/27	Shaw, Rowena V., 4/18	
Dawson, Richard Robert, 10/15	Lange, Earl A., 12/11	Shepherd, Marjorie, 5/3	
Dickey, Leslie L., 7/16	Lewis, Carlton E., 5/24	Slocum, Walter William, 8/13	
Donagan, Ernest H., 3/29	Lewsen, Edith, 3/26	Simmons, Derek J., 5/31	
Elowitch, Julius, 11/18	Libby, June E., 4/12	Smith, Ruth B., 5/20	
Eltman, Jennie J., 5/31	Liddell, John Greene, 10/3	Smith, Walter William, 8/13	
Engelhardt, Nora M., 2/2	Longley, Helen Angela, 9/13	Stephens, Horace Donaldson, 12/6	
Firth, Denis A., 5/26	Lovely, Winona Eugenia, 11/21	Swope, Charlotte A., 5/31	
Fogg, Carl James, 11/22	Lucariello, Olive L., 9/13	Thompson, William M., 7/14	
Foss, Ruth M., 1/13	Lucey, Margaret, 4/30	Thurrell, David, 5/16	
Frank, Leocadia, 12/8	Lutyens, Sally S., 7/22	Tidd, Douglas L.F., 10/17	
Fuller, Robert L., 7/1	Martin, Jr., John H., 6/10	Tomberg, Robert, 4/26	

# Public Safety

## We Remind all Residents...

- No vehicle shall be parked on any town-maintained way or road between the hours of midnight and 6 am from November 15 to April 15 (Code 1966, Ch.702, §6).
- In the event an emergency-parking ban is announced, vehicles parked on town streets may be towed at the owner's expense.
- Falmouth Police and Fire Departments partner with *Safe Kids of Maine* to provide regular car seat screenings at Central Station.



Interested persons can call 774-9891 x227 for scheduling information.

Bring your child safety seat to the Falmouth Police

Department and an officer will inspect it for proper use and installation. **Please call 781-2300 in advance to make arrangements for an inspection.**

- Falmouth Police Department provides a "reassurance program" for persons living alone. The communications department makes daily contact with senior citizens living alone to check on their well being. If you would like to be included in this Program, please contact the Falmouth Communications Center at 781-2300 and ask to be placed on their calling list.
- To learn of school cancellations during inclement weather, please watch the local television stations or contact the school. Please do not contact the Police Department. Dispatchers are usually busy with storm-related emergencies at this time.
- Check out the Police and Fire Department web pages for many more crime prevention and personal safety tips.
- **QUESTIONS: call 781-2300**

## EMERGENCY Police, Fire, or Rescue 911

### INFORMATION

**Police: 781-2300 • FAX: 781-3448**

**Fire/Rescue: 781-2610**

**TTY: 781-4154**

#### Crime Prevention and Fire Safety Tips:

- Be sure that your street address number is clearly visible for responding emergency personnel.
- Have telephone numbers (9-1-1) for emergencies programmed into all telephones, especially in the event a young child might have to make the call.
- Call 9-1-1 any time you witness any suspicious activity. Try to obtain a description of the person or a license plate number if there is a vehicle involved.
- Install quality deadbolt locks on all exterior doors; use them.
- Lock your home when you leave, no matter how short a period of time you will be away.
- Never allow strangers into your home!
- Remove or trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows, so neighbors or passersby can see when someone tries to break into your home.
- Do not leave valuables in your car, whether parked in your driveway, or in a parking lot. Always lock your car.
- Engrave all your valuable property with a number known to you. Record all serial numbers. Photograph or videotape valuables that cannot be marked. Keep all records, photos, and numbers in a separate location.
- If away on vacation, discontinue newspapers and mail; leave a key with a neighbor, friend, or relative; leave a car in the driveway; ask someone to watch your home; and call the Police Department to place your home on our watch program. Use timing devices to turn on inside lights and radios to give the appearance that your home is occupied.
- Make a decision about installing an alarm only after considering such factors as the cost, the reputation of the company, and the likelihood of false alarms.
- When changing your clocks in the fall and in the spring, change your smoke detector batteries at the same time. Have one for every floor and every room. Consider fire extinguishers for each floor and instruct everyone in your household how to use them.
- Practice an escape plan (in case of fire) with your family.
- Have heating appliances checked out every year before using.
- If burning wood, check chimney every week and have it cleaned at least once a year.

# Police Department

- As reported in the Annual Report for 2004, the Department applied for a Homeland Security grant to replace the communications center consoles. Late in 2004, we were notified that we were successful in our request for \$62,788. During 2005, the communications center consoles were replaced with new computerized equipment.

- The Department was also successful in obtaining a federal grant in the amount of \$42,000 to replace our cellular in-car computer system with a new radio-based mobile application. Additionally, the Department initiated a multi-department mobile network with six other local police departments, which will be based at our police facility. All of this work was done within the grant funding.

- Preliminary work was begun on a new Public Safety facility to provide much needed space for the police department. In late 2005, the Town Council formed a citizens' committee to study and help plan the new facility.

- As we do each year we remind motorists to obey the traffic laws. The men and women of the Department continue to place an emphasis on traffic enforcement throughout the community. During 2005, officers issued 4,701 written traffic summonses and warnings. We ask motorists to observe posted speed limits, especially in residential and school areas.

We also remind motorists that the traffic fines; of which all the revenue is returned to the state, have risen dramatically during recent years!

- The Calls for Service chart demonstrates the activity within the community that requires a police response. You will note that the rise in our responses is directly proportional to the growth of the community during then last ten years. The large increase from 2003 to 2004 was primarily due to the implementation of a new computer aided dispatch system that provides better tracking of our calls. However, you will note that during the past two years we continue to see a steady growth in our responses.

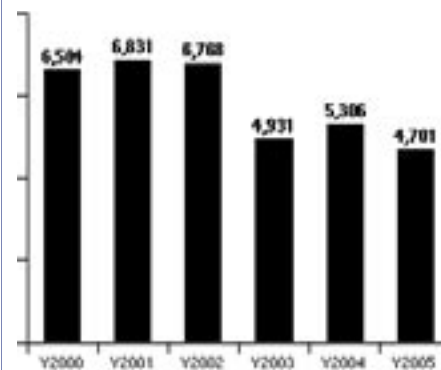
- During 2005 the Department continued its collaborative effort with the school department to maintain a high level of safety within the schools. Officer *Rob Susi*, our School Resource Officer, completed work on a Crisis Manual that is provided to each administrator and teacher. The book addresses all types of emergencies that a staff member might be faced with and provides detailed information on how to respond to the emergency. In addition, the Department provided training



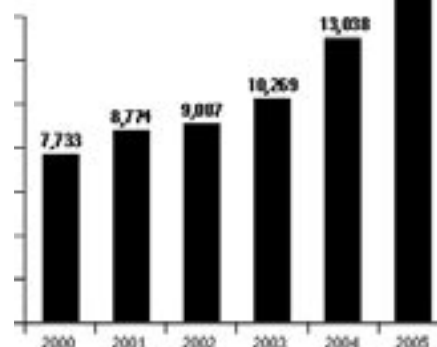
*Edward J. Tolan,  
Police Chief*



*Traffic Citations/Warnings*



*Calls for Service*



to all staff members in each of our schools on our “lockdown” and other safety procedures.

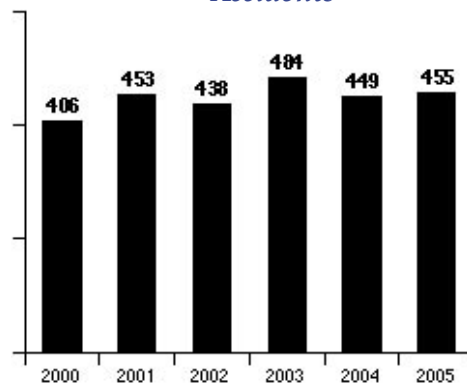
- In July of 2005, a new officer, *Steven Townsend* joined the Department to replace Officer *Edward Roberge* a 31-year veteran of the Department who lost his battle with cancer in March 2005. Prior to joining the Department, Officer Townsend worked as reserve officer for Buxton PD and as a full-time officer for Rangeley PD.
- Again this year we encourage residents to check our website at: [www.town.falmouth.me.us/police](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us/police) for current information in the bulletin section relating to criminal fraud or scams that may be occurring, notices of events that may be relevant to residents, and general information about the Department. We encourage citizens to offer suggestions for improvement.
- As you may note in the accompanying chart, the number of traffic accidents investigated remains fairly stable since 1999. We ask that people involved in accidents have their insurance company request accident reports from our records clerk rather than calling the Department immediately after the accident. Most accidents take several days for all the paperwork to be completed.

### *Special Thanks!*



*The men and women of the  
Falmouth Police Department wish to thank  
the citizens of Falmouth for their continued  
support and assistance.*

### *Accidents*



## *Highlights of the Year*

- Replaced the communications center radio consoles with a \$62,788 grant from Homeland Security.
- Upgraded the in-car computer system and established a multi-agency mobile network with a \$42,000 federal grant.
- Received \$9,000 in drug asset forfeiture money from DEA for investigative work provided by Officer Kilbride and K-9 Yardie.
- Officers and Dispatchers attended 1,239 hours of training.
- Received a Community Policing grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.
- Issued 4,701 written traffic summonses and warnings.
- Responded to 15,824 Calls for Service.
- Responded to 455 traffic accidents.
- Began work on a new Emergency Operations Plan for the community.
- Officer Kennedy certified as a Child Safety Seat Technician.
- Officer Steve Townsend joined the Department.

### **Please remember to...**

Obey all posted speed limits – and be especially alert in school areas and residential developments.



# Fire — EMS Department



*Cameron Martin, Fire Chief*



## Senior Officers:

Cameron Martin, *Chief*  
Thomas Martelle, *Deputy Chief/Fleet*  
Jay Hallett, *Deputy Chief/Equipment, Supply*  
Rory Putnam, *Deputy Chief/Personnel*  
Brian Doyle, *Captain, Foreside Station*  
Kevin Morton, *Captain Central Station*  
Mike Coffey, *Captain, Pleasant Hill Station*  
Thomas Doherty, *Captain, West Falmouth Station*

2005 was the busiest year in the history of your Fire-EMS Department, with more than 1,600 calls made for service. Service is provided by a dedicated group of volunteers and paid personnel staffing two ambulances, four fire engines, a rescue, and a ladder truck running out of four stations.

## Highlights of the Year

- Lt. *Brian Doyle* promoted to Captain, Foreside Station
- Firefighters *Tyler Nash*, assigned to Tank 4, West Station, and *Douglas Doyle*, in charge of Rescue One, Foreside Station, promoted to Lieutenants.
- Launched an ambitious training program in compliance with state training requirements. Staff participated in more than 3,500 hours of training.
- Celebrated 30th anniversary of the Emergency Medical Services division with a picnic at Community Park. This was a great opportunity for past and present members to reminisce, as well as for the department to honor the great contribution these dedicated volunteers have made to the town.



- Engine 4 Station on Winn Road received a new propane-fired 20 KW generator for emergency power..
- All substations had very successful Halloween Parties, open to the public.
- Turnout gear washing and drying equipment were purchased and installed at Central Station
- Received a generous donation of buildings at the former Cleaves Farm for training purposes. Several

months of training were conducted at the structures, including several live fire exercises. Crews from Portland, Cumberland, and Pownal also participated.



- Received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for several items, including a pickup truck and laptop computers. The truck, used as a utility vehicle, eliminates the need to use volunteers' private vehicles for department work.



- Received a grant from the Maine Municipal Association for purchase of a large automated projection screen and ceiling projector mount for the training room at Central Station.

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**John Dalton**  
Harbormaster,  
Animal Control Officer

## Harbor/Warden Services

- In 2005 the Harbor/Waterfront Committee developed a Harbor Management Plan for the long-term planning at the waterfront. Included in the plan were many recommendations that will be presented to the citizens by the Town Council at a series of public hearings in 2006. Some of the recommendations were; an increase in the non-resident mooring fees; a dinghy registration fee; a moratorium on new moorings in certain areas of the harbor; and a prohibition of swimming from the pier and floats.

- The committee also worked with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers on a Special Anchorage Plan for the harbor. This plan will redefine on the existing anchorage on mariners' charts to provide a safer boating environment. The

original anchorage designations were developed during World War II.

- 2005 was another busy year at the Town Landing with 1,248 moorings issued by the Harbormaster. Even with this large number of boats, we experienced no major problems within the anchorage. The Harbormaster would like to thank the people that utilize the Town Landing for their cooperation, which resulted in another safe boating season.

- Of the 1,248 moorings, 640 were assigned to Falmouth residents and 608 to non-residents.

Revenues generated from the Town Landing facility for 2005: moorings — \$140,492; boat/kayak launchings — \$1,190; parking stickers/violations — \$1,957; pump-outs — \$225.

- During 2005, the warden issued 289 informational and advisory notices to hunters. The number of animal-related complaints for the year was 189.

- The excellent facilities and conditions at the Town Landing are a result of the hard work of the Harbor/Waterfront Committee, in 2005 was comprised of; Chairman, *Dr. Tim Tolford*; *Maura McGowan*, *Marilyn Reynolds*, *Richard Garrett*, and *James Castonguay*.

### ▲ Stats:

Boating accidents investigated .....	6
Boats towed .....	53
Boats pumped out .....	20
Assistance to capsized/aground boats ....	15
Assistance to kayakers/canoe/jet skis .....	18
Assistance to other towns .....	12
Assistance to U.S. Coast Guard .....	7
Citations/warnings for violations .....	8
Moorings removed from harbor .....	27
Moorings removed within anchorage.....	73
Medical Aid emergencies .....	15
Boats recovered.....	46
Assistance in starting boats.....	58

## Highlights of the Year

- 1,248 moorings, the highest number in the history of the harbor.
- Received \$10,400 from Maine DEP to cover the final costs of the pier-mounted septic pump-out system.
- In June, the final payment on the pier replacement (2000) cost was made.

### Important dates to remember:

✓ Mooring applications and fee due by May 31.

Late fee of \$50 assessed after June 1.

✓ Mooring inspection due every two years. A notice will be attached to your mooring application if you are due for an inspection.

✓ Recreational moorings must be winterized by December 1.



*The Harbormaster and members of the Harbor/Waterfront Committee thank the Falmouth citizens and the boating public for their cooperation and assistance in making the Town Landing and the harbor area safe and enjoyable. We also wish to thank the members of the Falmouth Public Works for their invaluable assistance throughout the year removing floats, plowing their lots in the winter and the ongoing support.*

# Public Works

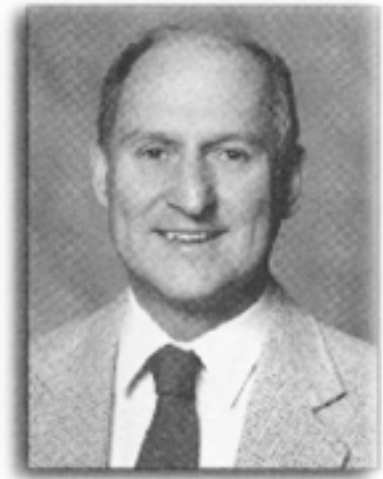
## Highlights for the Year

### Highways

- Reconstruction of 5000 feet of Woodville Road was substantially completed by Gorham Sand and Gravel. Loam; seeding final paving will be done in spring 2006.
- Johnson Road reconstruction was delayed while design details were discussed with area citizens. The design work will be done this winter, and it is hoped that construction can be done in 2006. Final design details and project costs are concerns at this point.
- M.D.O.T. has published budgets for their next work plan and our Falmouth Road and Route #100 projects are not proposed to be funded. Falmouth Road is designated as "deferred" project and would, theoretically, have some priority status for funding in the 2008-09 budget.
- M.D.O.T. completed sidewalk projects on Route #1 and Lunt Road. Approximately 25% of the costs were paid by the Town using Route #1 Tax Increment Financing funding.
- The department, Town Manager, and Town Council will be working on future road improvement priorities for the upcoming budget cycle and welcome citizen input in developing our Capital Improvement Program budget.
- Highlights of 2005 included some significant personal issues. Twenty-seven year veteran Street Superintendent *John Bouchard* retired in March. His position has been filled by *David Malone*, a recently-hired crew member with several years experience with Maine Department of Transportation. David also serves as Fire Chief in Pownal.

Public Works Superintendent and Project Manager, *Hans Holtan* was forced to leave the town's service for health reasons. Hans worked for Falmouth since 1999 and was responsible for several reconstruction projects including, Winn Road, Field Road, Mast Road, Merrill Road, Woods Road, and numerous paving and drainage improvements.

His hard work and knowledge were critical to high quality improvements that will serve the town for decades to come.



**Tony Hayes**  
Public Works Director

### Garage

- The department purchased a new Ford F550 plow truck which was well tested during December. It is a slightly smaller truck than our typical plows and should prove excellent for side roads, but still provide reasonable ability to aid with major roads.

At around \$65,000, the cost is significantly less than a full-size truck would cost.

### Recycling

- Even though Falmouth has traditionally been a leader in recycling in the region, our rates improved significantly as a result of the increase in our bag cost. Town Council raised bag costs to reflect higher disposal costs at Regional Waste Systems. **Our household waste recycling rate as measured by RWS rose from 26% to over 34%.** The 2004 overall recycling rate as measured by the state was 61.94%, almost identical to the 2003 rate and keeping Falmouth at the high end of community recycling efforts in the state.
- During 2005, RWS began accepting paper recyclables as a single mix, rather than having several paper types separate. This has simplified recycling for residents.
- The Recycling Committee continues to meet with the major topic being proposed implementation of curbside recycling for Falmouth. Town Council deferred discussion on this topic, but is expected to consider it in the next budget review.
- Electronics recycling began at the Transfer Station in anticipation of the state mandate to recycle TV's and computer monitors. When fully implemented, the manufacturers will be responsible for disposal costs of these items.

# Water Pollution Control

*Pete Clark, Water Pollution Superintendent*

## Highlights for the Year 2005:

### Plant Upgrade

- Early in the year, our consultants completed the preliminary design of planned treatment plant improvements and presented their findings and recommendations to the Town Council. Maine DEP reviewed the preliminary design and requested additional information related to future outfall routing, several minor operational considerations, and the timing of construction.
- With Council endorsement, Wright-Pierce started on a final design. The design should be complete around the end of the year and ready for bidding early in 2006. The construction phase should take 16 to 18 months.
- At the halfway point of the design, the consultants updated preliminary cost estimates for the needed work. These newer estimates show significant cost increases in materials, primarily pipe and concrete. At this point, savings realized from changes in the design of the aeration tanks offset the increased cost and the original project estimate of approximately \$6.3 million still seems feasible.

### Peak sewer flow

- Beginning with snowmelt in April and prolonged by one of the wettest years we have seen, plant staff stayed busy managing the resulting high flows. We had problems with pump station capacity at the Lunt Road and Mill Creek pumping stations and challenges managing the high flow at the treatment plant.
- During some of these events, it was necessary to utilize outside contractors to truck the peak amounts of sewage entering the Lunt Road station around the downstream station at Mill Creek and dump the excess at the treatment plant to avoid pump station overflows.



*Pete Clark,  
Water Pollution Superintendent*

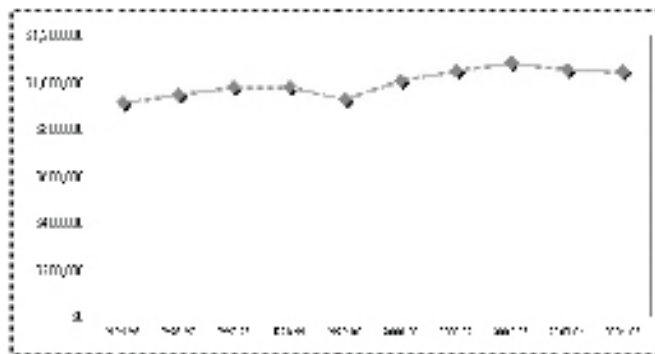
- The planned treatment plant improvements will give us the ability to handle these peak occurrences and subsequently allow us to increase station capacities.
- Due to the problems with pump station capacity at the Lunt Road and Mill Creek pumping stations and challenges managing the high flow at the treatment plant during the spring, we plan to evaluate changes that will redirect flows from west of the Interstate directly to the treatment plant and implement improvements at the Lunt Road station.
- Engineering work on these upgrades is ongoing, as well as interim modifications to the existing treatment facility to accommodate the higher peak flow until eventual plant improvements can go online.



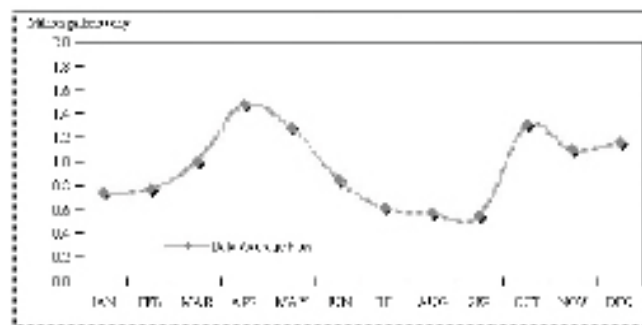
## Budget Trend, Falmouth Wastewater 2005 Statistics

- Falmouth's plant treated approximately 342,859,400 gallons of sewage, and 380,950 gallons of septic tank wastes, in 2005.
- Wastes received very good treatment. Plant performance continues to be fairly efficient despite higher than normal flow levels. On average, the plant removed 94.7 % of the bio-chemical oxygen demand and 92.5 % of the solids contained in the wastes generated by the homes and businesses that are connected to public sewers in Falmouth and Cumberland. sewers in Falmouth and Cumberland.

Budget Trends



Volume and Plant Loadings



## FIRE AND EMS REPORT *continued from page 17*

- Received a grant from the Cole Foundation to fund most of the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera, which replace a unit with many maintenance problems. These cameras are a critical tool for search and rescue, as well as locating the seat of a fire.
- We welcomed nine new members in 2006: *Roxanne Brockelbank, Andrew Campbell, Joshua Corbin, Chad DeLuca, Will Cheney, Bradley Graustein, Kris Kennedy, Alexis Kramer, and Aaron Splint.*

## Highlights of Calls for Service

- The department responded to 1,045 emergency medical calls during the year; 69 fires during the year: 20% were car fires; 16%, chimney fires; 18% occurred in mulch outside businesses, a significant nuisance problem.
- There were two significant structural fires this year, but both buildings were saved. 105 car accidents required the services of the department; 11% required some sort of extrication where equipment had to be used to dismantle the vehicle to get the occupants out. False alarms continue to be an issue for the

department. 8% of all our calls involved some sort of system malfunction or other unintentional alarm. Overall, our calls for service rose by 5% this year.

## Volunteer Recognition

Every year we recognize individuals and groups who went that extra mile to provide service to the community. This year's individual awards included:

- **Medal of Honor:** *Jeremy Wirths*
- **Distinguished Service Award:**  
*Linda Roberts, Will Hawkes*
- **Call Volume Awards:**  
*Chris Abbe, Matt Norton, Jeremy Wirths*
- **Fire Chief's Commendation:** *Jay Hallett*
- **Officer of the Year:** *Brian Doyle*

## Come Join Us!

The department is always looking for new members to help us keep this great town safe. If you'd like to get involved, or just have questions about membership, call 781-2638 and speak to the chief.

# Assessing Department

Anne Gregory, Assessor

Ryann Stevens, Administrative Assistant

Diana Calder, Data Collection & Revaluation Consultant



Anne Gregory, Assessor

*The Assessor is responsible for the discovery and determination of market value of 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.*

## Highlights for the Year 2005:

We committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on September 29, 2005, with a mill rate of \$15.36. In response to the call for property tax relief, the State Legislature increased the Homestead Exemption to \$13,000, and will reimburse the town for 50% of the increased exemption. Approximately \$33.6 million in new value (\$516,000 taxes) was added to the taxable base. \$18.5 million (\$284,000 taxes) of the new value was used to fund the town's portion of the increased exemption.

## Statistics Corner

The April 1, 2005 Assessment year included the following activity from 4/04 to 3/05:	
4,928	Real Estate Parcels @ 4,537 residential, 187 commercial and 158 exempt
526	Personal Property business accounts
2,843	Homestead Exemptions @ \$13,000
337	Veteran's Exemptions @ \$7,000 for WWI; \$5,000 all other, \$47,500 paraplegic
9	Blind Exemptions
56	Parcels classifying 1,452 acres in Tree Growth classification program
8	Parcels classifying 328 acres in Farmland classification program
3	Parcels classifying 66 acres in Open Space classification program
584	Deeds recorded @ Registry of Deeds
37	BETR forms for businesses applying for reimbursement of personal property taxes
628	Site inspections for data collection of building changes
46	Net new lots created (new lots less deleted combined lots)
\$1,709,265,200	Total Real Property Value
+35,536,200	Total Personal Property/Business Equipment Value
-66,103,500	Less Exempt Real Property Value
-1,928,500	Less Personal Exemptions (Veterans, Blind, Parsonages) not reimbursed by state
-18,479,500	Less 50% Homestead Exemptions not reimbursed by state
-72,378,800	Total TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District captured real & personal property value; taxes generated from TIF property assessments applied to specific TIF projects
\$1,585,911,100	Total Non TIF Taxable Value

• **Property Tax Relief . . .** Before another April 1 passes by, contact the Assessing Office about **Veteran, Homestead and Blind Exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space and Farmland Classifications, and Charitable and Benevolent Institutions.** The **Maine Residents Property Tax & Rent Refund program** is administered by the state. The 2006 application forms for the 2005 tax bill issued in September 2005 will be available at Town Hall in August.

• **Public Information...** Please visit our website at [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us) for assessment and sales information. On our homepage, go to **OnLine Mapping and Assessing Department** section.

#### FROM BUDGET TO TAX BILL

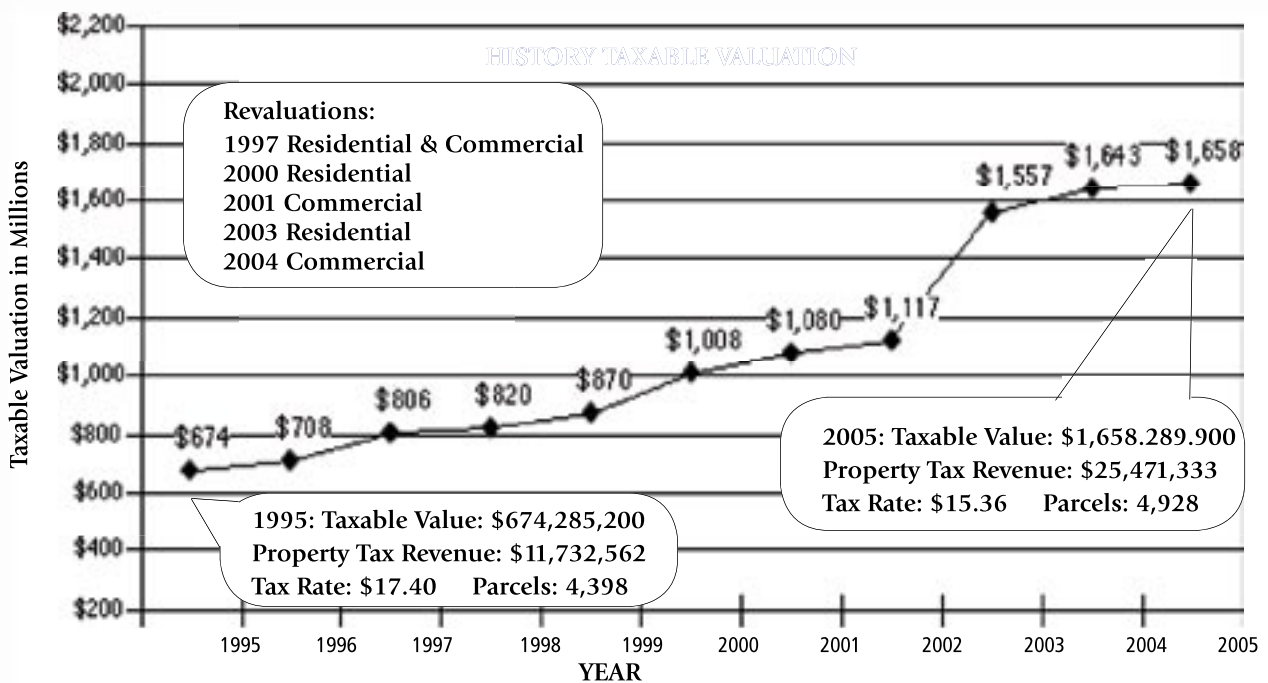
$\$25,187,488$  (FY05/06)  
 Portion of Budget funded from  
 Property Tax  
 $\div$   
 $\$1,639,810,400$  (4/1/05)  
 Total Town Taxable Valuation  
 =  
 $\$.01536$   
 Tax Rate  
 $\times$   
 $\$350,000$   
 Property Value  
 =  
 $\$5,376$  Tax Bill



## Important Dates

### April 1, 2005 Assessment Year (Town Fiscal Year 7/1/05 to 6/30/06)

April 1, 2005	Ownership & Assessment of Property Fixed (State Taxation Law Title 36 § 502)
July 1, 2005	Beginning of Municipal Fiscal Year (determined by Town Charter)
September 29, 2005	Commitment Date — Tax Rolls Committed to Tax Collector (determined by Assessor)
November 4, 2005	First Half of FY05/06 Annual Tax Due Date (determined by Town Council)
December 1, 2005	Total Personal Property Tax Due (determined by Town Council)
April 2, 2006	Deadline for Filing Abatement Appeals (185 days after Commitment, Title 36 § 841)
May 5, 2006	Second Half of FY05/06 Annual Tax Due Date (determined by Town Council)



#### Homestead Exemption Calculation

**Example:** \$350,000 Taxable Value  
 - 13,000 Homestead Exemption  
 \$337,000 Taxable Value  
 $\times .01536$  FY05/06 Tax Rate  
 \$5,176.32 Total Annual Tax

If you qualified this year, the \$13,000 exemption was shown on your tax bill. You do not need to reapply each year. If the taxable property is your primary residence and you did **not** receive the exemption, please contact the Assessing Office as soon as possible qualify for the September 2006 tax bill.

**Please and Thank You . . .** If you find an Assessing Department "tag" on your door, please call to schedule an appointment for an inspection. Accurate data ensures fair assessments. If we have to estimate the value because we could not inspect, state taxation law states that the "property owner loses the right to appeal." We make every effort to schedule appointments at the owner's convenience.

# Parks and Community Programs

The Falmouth Community Programs Department provides supplementary educational, active and passive recreational, and social opportunities for members of our community. The Department is divided into Adult Education, Recreation, Athletics, and Parks Divisions; and is responsible for providing recreation and community education programs along with the maintenance of more than 50 park and open space areas. The Department is also responsible for the scheduling of all school/town facilities for community use.

During the past year, 410 Recreation and Adult Education programs were offered, attracting 3,967 Recreation and 2,711 Adult Education participants. In addition to the regular programming, we sold more than 2,500 discount movie tickets to Regal Cinemas for a savings of more than \$3,000 for resident moviegoers. In 2005, Falmouth citizens borrowed our stock of 50 discount ski cards for American Ski Corp (Sunday River, Sugarloaf, Attitash), and the Shawnee Peak Discount card for savings of \$8-\$10 off up to 4 tickets per card/per day! Mt. Abram (a Falmouth family-owned mountain), also provides Falmouth residents with a \$5 discount on weekends and a \$2 discount on weekdays.

The Division of Recreation receives 16% of its funding through the town, while Adult Education receives 47% and the Parks Division receives 100%. Funding for the administrative staff is nearly 25% from non-tax dollars. The Department relies on several full and part-time staff members including: *Skip Varney*, Director; *Alexis D'Ascanio*, Adult Education Director/Recreation Coordinator; *Matt Gilbert*, Athletics/Scheduling Coordinator; *Heidi Hugo*, Administrative Assistant/Programmer; *Katie Harris*, Programming Assistant; *Jeff Mason*, Parks Supervisor; *Chad Dudley* and *Les Libby*, Parks Assistants; and *Denise Macaronas*, Senior Coordinator.



*Skip Varney,*  
*Director, Community Programs*

## Highlights for the Year 2005

### Parks Division:

The Parks Division remained extremely busy maintaining and enhancing 50+ parks and open space areas this year. With numerous construction projects, wet weather conditions in the spring and fall, and impact from the school and community use of facilities, the department was continuously manipulating its schedule in order to provide a high level of service to the community.

The Walton Park Grand Opening was held Friday, July 29, 2005. Public officials from the town and state (Department of Conservation), Walton family members, and the media attended this special event. The facility has been widely used by canoeists, kayakers, fisherman, and swimmers throughout the summer.

New playgrounds were installed at Graves and Underwood Parks. The new playgrounds are ADA compliant and meet today's playground safety standards. Base material was replaced with a special bark mulch, to provide a higher level of safety. The former playgrounds featured only two play elements;

the new playgrounds have eight elements, mostly available to participants with physical disabilities.

Two new bridges were constructed by Parks staff at Community Park. These allow for extension of trails into the third set of fields near the Harriman property. Staff and neighborhood volunteers assisted with the construction of bog bridges at the Falmouth Nature Preserve. *Gordon Clark* garnered volunteers to pre-cut the pressure treated materials at his home and transported them to the preserve.

Cross-country ski and snowmobile trail grooming were in full swing. Four groups, including the School Department and Snow Voyagers, shared trail grooming. Emergency personnel were able to conduct mock rescues utilizing the snowmobile equipment.

Other projects included: Assisting Little League and the Air National Guard with new installation of a lighting system on the Senior League Field at the Legion Complex, assisting with the transference of 10 acres off Paddock Way to the town, and working with the American Legion, Post 164 in order to obtain a public easement across the American Legion property.

## Adult Education Division:

The *Travelogue Series* continues to be a popular program for those trying to beat cabin fever blues. Our travels this year took us to the beaches of Key West, through the mountain vistas of Peru, the Italian Dolomites and Austrian Tyrol mountains, as well as to the beautiful landscapes of Ireland. The *Senior Cabin Fever* series offered harmonica fun and a Big Fat Greek Dance Party. Seniors enjoyed many tasty trips to area restaurants.

Our *In the Kitchen* series offered culinary tips, secrets, and samplings of many delectable dishes. This series was a wonderful collaboration between residents and area businesses.

Watercolor classes, newly-introduced drawing classes, and the All Support Art group keep many residents busy cultivating their creative sides. The *All Support Art* group was recognized at the National Parks and Recreation Association's annual congress as an outstanding leisure program for older adults. (Paintings to be displayed at a local restaurant January 2006.)

*Community Safety series* continues to service the needs of many in the community, offering such programs as Aviation Seminars, Red Cross classes, Hunter Safety, Drivers Education, and Safe Boating.

*Adult Health and Fitness programs* included the Early Morning Walk program, Yoga, STEP Pilates, and Tai Chi. Adult Pick-up Volleyball and Basketball continue to provide an excellent outlet for exercise. Newly introduced this year were three sunset sea kayaking trips. Two trips left from the Town Landing beach, and another very successful trip departed from the newly-constructed docks at Walton Park.

Coaching clinics continue to certify and re-certify many coaches, who are schooled in not only the fundamentals of the game, but are taught tips on working as a team, sportsmanship, and safety. There are currently 464 coaches that have been NYSCA certified by the Town of Falmouth.

## Recreation Division:

This year's ski programs got off to a better start with the introduction of the Mt. Abram Ski program.

Shawnee Peak numbers soared this year to more than 70 participants. An additional small bus was added. Late season snow proved to be very helpful as early season cancellations

pushed the program into mid-March.

*Early Release Day programming* was right on target. The ever-popular roller skating attracted more than 100 participants and Games Galore was filled to capacity. Newly-introduced DaVinci Experience programming, Creatures of the Deep, and a Pysanky Egg Decorating classes also filled. Middle School Early Release programming drew large numbers as did Indoor Rock Climbing and Indoor Simulated Golf.

*Day Camp* experienced a fabulously fun summer with a top-notch staff and more than 550 enthusiastic campers. This was the first season of Day Camp without *Rich Larson*, camp director for 13 years, who relocated to Florida.

Camp Co-Directors, *Annie Wernborg* and *Tom Green* did a terrific job for this transition year with the help of Camp Administrative Assistant *Kate Harris*. Field trips to area beaches and special events, including concerts and magicians, were enjoyed by one and all. Senior Campers turned out in strong numbers and not only enjoyed visits to area beaches and special events, but day trips to favorite hot spots like Water Country and Funtown.

Mad Science camps and the ever-popular Sea Kayaking were two more programs that not only filled to capacity, but had extensive waiting lists. More than 50 participants enjoyed the waters off town beach in the Sea Kayaking camps.

Preschoolers also enjoyed a very successful camp experience under the direction of *Alice Outslay* and staff. Field trips to places like Maine Wildlife Park, Fort Williams, and Maxwell Farms for some strawberry



### *Community Programs Report continued*

picking were enjoyed by all. Other exciting trips included the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Peaks Island Ferry. Numbers remain steady and the full-week option has increased, serving more than 100 preschool campers.

Fall Babysitting classes fill each time offered. Early release programs have done well since moving to once-a-month. Offerings for both elementary and middle school groups include roller skating at Happy Wheels, Games Galore, Indoor Rock Climbing, and bowling at Yankee Lanes.

Middle school students had the chance to hit the racetrack at Maine Indoor Karting for an evening of mini-kart racing. Those who participated came away with junior license and a night to remember.

### *Athletics Division:*

From June to August, the *Youth Track* program showed a renewed spirit with the help of a new coaching staff. Thirty participants, ranging in age from six to fourteen, had an excellent track and field experience, with many attending the state finals. The Frozen Ropes Baseball and Softball camps have become a staple of the summer camp programs, assisting 48 players on the diamond. "Play Soccer" continues to be among the most popular camps of the summer with 110 participants. Yachtsman Basketball and Soccer Camps also had growth from last year. The other sport-specific camps offered (golf, lacrosse, and football) had a small increase from last summer. A co-sponsored Field Hockey Camp (Falmouth, Yarmouth, and Cumberland) was offered, with eight Falmouth youth participating. Total enrollment in summer youth sports was approximately 456 across eight sports.

Fall sports are increasingly popular, with soccer and field hockey leading our Saturday programs, with a total of 421 in soccer and 34 in field hockey. Youth Basketball attracts more than 210 youth and 45 parent/coach volunteers during the winter. Our open gym program, supported by our local basketball association, also provides a positive outlet for kids in the winter. In the spring, Lacrosse for both boys and girls from Grades 1-6 demonstrated strong numbers (173 participants), and a positive experience for youth looking for an alternative to baseball or softball.

Year-round programs like Youth Tennis, cross-country running, archery, and gymnastics continue to be popular. Youth Tennis lessons (Preschool to Grade 8) displayed above average numbers throughout the year with a total of 251 enthusiastic tennis participants.

Gymnastics at Maine Academy proved to be a positive skill builder — participants learned proper techniques through interesting methods and apparatus. The cross-country running numbers continue to be solid with a total of 90 participants in grades 1-6 running in both the fall and spring of the year. We offered five Archery programs, filled to capacity, to a total of 65 participants. Preschool Soccer, Pee Wee Tennis, Start Smart Golf, Smart Start Basketball, and Tumblekidz illustrated the importance of parent participation in sport at the younger ages. These programs encourage young children and their parents to participate together with age-appropriate equipment in a non-competitive environment, and without the fear of failure. We offered preschool sports programs over three seasons in 2005 attracting 166 youth participants and an equal number of their parental counterparts.

### *Facilities Scheduling:*

Use by Falmouth citizens and community groups of facilities remained consistent in 2005, averaging 30 hours of field time per location and 40 hours of school facility time per week per facility. We served more than 72 different groups including basketball, soccer, lacrosse, volleyball, and baseball teams, as well as Girl Scouts, musical groups, adult education programs, SAT programs, and State of Maine Departments. The largest number of field reservations came from use at Falmouth Community Park with 2,697 hours over the 29 available weeks, and the school gyms over 42 weeks for a total of 2,010 hours. The online calendars are serving as a valuable tool to the community for checking availability of facilities. Compared to other Greater Portland communities, Falmouth still leads the way in facilities scheduling. Many communities referring to our model for assistance.

### *Thank You Volunteers!*

We are fortunate to have a strong core of individuals who continue to participate in a variety of programs. This year, nearly 350 citizens volunteered their knowledge and skills as teachers, drivers, and program supervisors....

### *...and Falmouth Education Foundation too!*

The staff and participants of Falmouth Community Programs would also like to thank the Falmouth Education Foundation for their generosity to the children of Falmouth who were able to take part in our summer programming with the help of FEF scholarships.

# Finance Department

The major indicators of the town's financial condition are presented below and on the following pages. The Finance Department has also prepared a separate Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2004-05, which contains a complete analysis of the town's financial position.

This report is available at Town Hall and on the town's website, [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us)



*John McNaughton,  
Finance Director*

## *The Finance Department is responsible for:*

- Recording and managing all financial transactions, revenue, and disbursements of the town, which include processing warrants and payrolls, managing cash and investments.
- Collecting over \$30 million in revenues annually, and handling more than 10,000 property tax transactions and 10,000 vehicle registrations each year.
- In addition to these activities, the Finance Department staff handles numerous telephone inquiries and informational inquiries at the counter. They strive to maintain an attitude of friendly service to the citizens, despite the high volume of activity this department sees. Through their efforts the Town remains in solid financial condition.

## *Fund Balance*

The key indicator of the town's financial condition is the size of its unreserved, undesignated fund balance. Falmouth's unreserved, undesignated general fund balance as of June 30, 2005 was \$9,664,631. This represents a \$1,245,432 increase over last year's balance. The increase was caused primarily by larger than projected building permit revenue, excise tax revenue, municipal revenue sharing revenue, as well as a very strong tax collection rate of 98.5%.

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 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 2005-06 is \$15.36 per thousand dollars of valuation. This represents a 0.6% decrease from the prior year's rate of \$15.46 per thousand. The components of this tax rate are Town — \$3.53, School — \$11.22, and County — \$.61.

Like other municipalities, Falmouth continues to rely too heavily on property taxes for the support of municipal services. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, property taxes will account for almost 74% of total general fund revenues.

The town's tax collection rate remained high during 2004-05. Collected taxes for the year ending June 30, 2005 were 98.5% of the Town's total tax commitment. This continued high collection rate reflects the ongoing strength of the local economy.

## *Debt Service*

During fiscal year 2004-05, the town retired \$1,548,500 in long-term debt and issued no new debt. Also, in 2005 the Town made the final payment on the 1990 Lunt School expansion bond, which

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### Finance Report continued

required annual principal payments of \$110,000. At December 31, 2005, the town's total bonded indebtedness is \$17,524,500 (of this total, \$16,370,000 are bonds associated with the construction of the new high school).

In November 2001, the town's citizens authorized a \$1,500,000 bond issue to cover the costs of future land acquisitions by the town. These bonds have not yet been issued. As of December 31, 2005, Falmouth's gross (before state school aid debt subsidy) debt/valuation ratio was 1.05%. Including the state subsidy, the ratio is approximately 0.65%. A 5% debt/valuation ratio is the maximum debt burden that prudently should be carried.

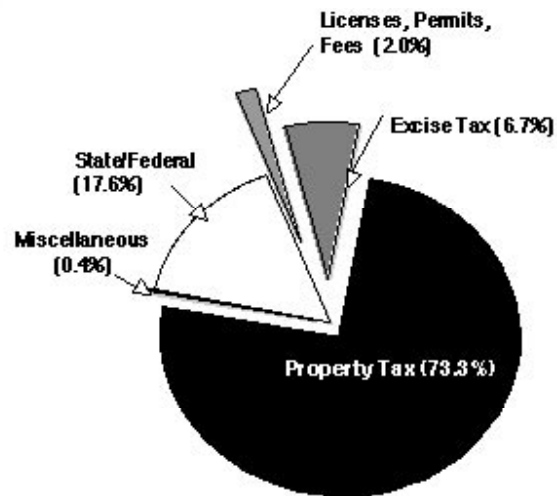
### Credit Rating

As part of the town's borrowing process, the town has its credit rating periodically reviewed by the two major credit rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service. We are pleased to report that in 2005, the town maintained its high "AA" credit rating from both agencies (Standard & Poor's--AA, Moody's--Aa2).

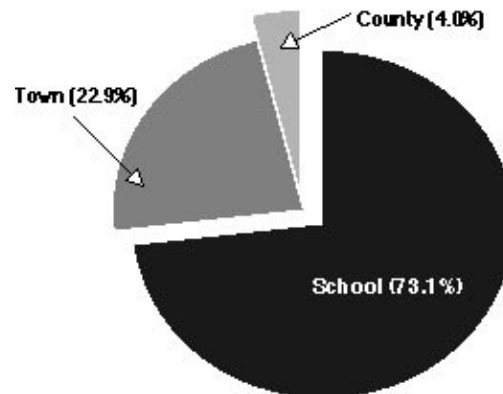
### Consolidated Wastewater Billing

In October 2005, the town began a new program of consolidating its wastewater billing with the monthly water billing of the Portland Water District. The consolidated water and sewer billing should be more convenient for citizens, as they can now pay for both services with one check. Also, the resulting change from quarterly to monthly billing will help to improve cash flow.

*Source of  
General Fund Revenues FY2005-2006*



*Distribution of  
Property Tax Revenue FY2005-2006*



#### 2005-2006 TAX RATES

	Town	School	County	TOTAL
Property Tax Rate	\$3.53	\$11.22	\$0.61	\$15.36
\$ Increase (decrease) from 2004-05	(.10)	.04	(.04)	(.10)
% Increase (decrease) from 2004-05	(2.7)%	0.3%	(5.7)%	(0.6)%

# Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

*Presented to*  
**Town of Falmouth, Maine**

**For its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004**

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



*Arnold L. Fisher*  
President

*Jeffrey L. Esser*  
Executive Director

The Wastewater Department is entirely self-funding and requires no property tax dollars, as it receives all its revenues from user fees and assessments. Thirty percent of the Department's operating revenues are paid by ratepayers from the Town of Cumberland, as the Town's system services the Cumberland Foreside area.

## Awards and Recognition

For the thirteenth consecutive year, the town received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

This is a national award that signifies that a town's financial report conforms to the highest standards of government accounting. Falmouth is one of only nine municipalities in the State to attain this distinction. Our goal is to maintain this honor every year.

In summary, the figures above show that the town remains in solid financial condition, relative to State and national trends.

Special thanks go to the Finance Department staff, *Peter Lund, Ellen Planer, Connie Kaherl, Sally Pierce, and Beverly Chandler* for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The Department would especially like to recognize *Louise McLean*, who retired as Property Tax Clerk in October 2005, after 17 years of service to the town.

We wish Louise a happy and healthy retirement.

## Excise Tax Report

<b>AUTOMOBILE EXCISE:</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>\$ 2,309,612 / 10,853 vehicle registrations</b>
	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>\$2,197,479 / 10,342 vehicle registrations</b>

<b>REGISTRATION FEES:</b>		<b>Automobile</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>Snowmobile</b>	<b>ATV (All Terrain Vehicles)</b>
	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>\$29,051</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>\$286</b>	<b>\$104</b>
	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>\$28,700</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>	<b>\$181</b>	<b>\$126</b>

\*Decrease in snowmobile and ATV fees reflect increased use of on-line renewals through the state.

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE**  
**Balance Sheet: Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Statement 3

Statement I

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE**  
**Statement of Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 616,234	—	616,234
Investments	20,905,734	1,723,124	22,628,858
Taxes receivable	395,286	—	395,286
Accounts receivable	213,438	56,573	270,011
Internal balances	36,877	(36,877)	—
Inventories	58,432	23,484	81,916
Tax-acquired property	6,647	—	6,647
Capital assets not being depreciated:			
Land	2,834,520	—	2,834,520
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation:			
Buildings and improvements	21,451,262	2,814,024	24,265,286
Improvements other than buildings	976,069	—	976,069
Machinery and equipment	2,829,172	428,751	3,257,923
Infrastructure	13,508,086	6,119,472	19,627,558
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>63,831,757</b>	<b>11,128,551</b>	<b>74,960,308</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,097,320	82,184	1,179,504
Teacher summer salaries	1,866,308	—	1,866,308
Compensated absences	—	19,750	19,750
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,497,986	—	1,497,986
Due in more than one year	18,917,797	—	18,917,797
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>23,379,411</b>	<b>101,934</b>	<b>23,481,345</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	22,555,845	9,367,477	31,923,322
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	—	—	—
Perpetual care, nonexpendable	9,473	—	9,473
Unrestricted	1,788,702	1,659,140	3,447,842
<b>TOTAL NET:</b>	<b>\$ 40,452,346</b>	<b>11,026,617</b>	<b>51,478,963</b>

(The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.)

	<b>General</b>	<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 539,774	76,460	616,234
Investments	18,496,995	2,408,739	20,905,734
Receivables:			
Taxes	373,203	—	373,203
Liens	22,084	—	22,084
Accounts	173,755	39,682	213,437
Due from other funds	49,341	—	49,341
Inventories	5,085	8,010	13,095
Tax-acquired property	6,647	—	6,647
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>19,666,884</b>	<b>2,532,891</b>	<b>22,199,775</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,000,563	71,096	1,071,659
Teachers accrued payroll	1,844,481	21,827	1,866,308
Deferred revenues	206,592	—	206,592
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,051,636</b>	<b>92,923</b>	<b>3,144,559</b>
Fund balances:			
Reserved for:			
Inventory	5,085	8,010	13,095
Perpetual care	—	9,473	9,473
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund:			
Designated	6,965,532	—	6,965,532
Undesignated	9,644,631	—	9,644,631
Special revenue funds	—	2,422,285	2,422,285
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>16,615,248</b>	<b>2,439,968</b>	<b>19,055,216</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>19,666,884</b>	<b>2,532,891</b>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.			
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of fleet management to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.			
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
<b>NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>			<b>\$ 40,452,346</b>

(The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.)

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE**  
**Statement of Activities: For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Statement 2

Net (expense) revenue and changes in net assets						
Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Primary Government		TOTAL
	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities	
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 955,062	259,206	3,509	—	(692,347)	— (692,347)
Financial management	843,644	77,288	—	—	(766,356)	— (766,356)
Public safety	2,677,377	282,030	32,600	62,788	(2,299,959)	— (2,299,959)
Public works	3,729,775	2,147,212	298,917	—	(1,283,646)	— (1,283,646)
Community development	471,006	189,929	—	—	(281,077)	— (281,077)
Parks and community programs	1,092,529	588,232	55,463	5,978	(442,856)	— (442,856)
Education	21,042,756	563,047	4,786,171	—	(15,693,538)	— (15,693,538)
State Retirement contributions	2,115,704	—	2,115,704	—	—	— —
Non-departmental	425,338	—	—	—	(425,338)	— (425,338)
County tax	1,023,235	—	—	—	(1,023,235)	— (1,023,235)
Interest on long-term debt	972,942	—	—	—	(972,942)	— (972,942)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	35,349,368	4,106,944	7,292,364	68,766	(23,881,294)	— (23,881,294)
Business-type activities:						
Wastewater treatment	1,276,757	1,337,105	—	36,611	—	96,958 96,958
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	1,276,757	1,337,105	—	36,611	—	96,958 96,958
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	36,626,125	5,444,049	7,292,364	105,377	(23,881,294)	96,958 (23,784,336)
General revenues:						
Property taxes				\$	24,223,839	— 24,223,839
Excise taxes					2,341,400	— 2,341,400
Cable TV franchise fees					143,972	— 143,972
Grants not restricted to specific programs					957,114	— 957,114
Unrestricted investment earnings					223,236	— 223,236
Miscellaneous revenues					23,934	— 23,934
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					27,913,535	— 27,913,535
Change in net assets					4,032,241	96,958 4,129,199
Net assets - beginning					36,420,105	10,929,659 47,349,764
Net assets - ending				\$	40,452,356	11,026,617 51,478,963

(The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.)

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	TOTAL Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 24,279,178	1,197,009	25,476,187
Excise	2,341,440	—	2,341,440
Licenses, fees and permits	430,681	—	430,681
Intergovernmental	7,626,913	833,878	8,460,791
Charges for services	361,400	436,753	798,153
Fines and forfeitures	24,802	—	24,802
Investment earnings	339,368	28	339,396
Miscellaneous / reserves	254,709	1,128,533	1,383,242
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>35,658,491</b>	<b>3,596,201</b>	<b>39,254,692</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	729,860	—	729,860
Financial management	760,536	—	760,536
Public safety	2,434,460	—	2,434,460
Public works	1,633,312	—	1,633,312
Community development	465,136	—	465,136
Parks and community programs	372,395	593,142	965,537
Education	21,702,266	1,052,627	22,754,893
Non-departmental	425,337	248,355	673,692
County tax	1,023,235	—	1,023,235
Capital outlay:			
Capital improvements and reserves	1,296,692	801,762	2,098,454
Debt service:			
Principal	1,510,000	38,500	1,548,500
Interest	972,942	4,366	977,308
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,326,171</b>	<b>2,738,752</b>	<b>36,064,923</b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	2,332,320	857,449	3,189,769
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	142,377	—	142,377
Transfers out	—	(142,377)	(142,377)
Capital leases	118,764	—	118,764
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>261,141</b>	<b>(142,377)</b>	<b>118,764</b>
Net change in fund balances	2,593,461	715,072	3,308,533
Fundbalances — beginning, restated	14,021,787	1,724,896	15,746,683
<b>Fund balances — ending</b>	<b>\$ 16,615,248</b>	<b>2,439,968</b>	<b>19,055,216</b>

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**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Statement 6

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 23,978,760	23,978,760	24,279,178	300,418
Excise	2,130,000	2,130,000	2,341,440	211,440
Licenses, permits and fees	322,410	322,410	430,681	108,271
Intergovernmental revenues	5,046,762	5,046,762	5,511,209	464,447
Charges for services	287,500	287,500	361,400	73,900
Fines and forfeitures	28,800	28,800	24,802	(3,998)
Investment earnings	70,300	70,300	339,368	269,068
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	254,709	249,709
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>31,869,532</b>	<b>31,869,532</b>	<b>33,542,787</b>	<b>1,673,255</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	766,577	766,577	729,860	36,717
Financial management	812,704	812,704	760,536	52,168
Public safety	2,485,154	2,507,154	2,434,460	72,694
Public works	1,689,227	1,689,227	1,633,312	55,915
Community development	527,342	527,342	465,136	62,206
Parks and community programs	374,731	374,731	372,395	2,336
Education	20,681,650	20,681,650	19,586,562	1,095,088
Non-departmental	425,808	426,808	425,337	1,471
County tax	1,023,235	1,023,235	1,023,235	—
Capital outlay:				
Capital improvements and reserves	5,935,102	6,060,102	1,296,692	4,763,410
Debt service:				
Principal	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	—
Interest	1,021,145	1,021,145	972,942	48,203
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>37,252,675</b>	<b>37,400,675</b>	<b>31,210,467</b>	<b>6,190,208</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,383,143)	(5,531,143)	2,332,320	7,863,463
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in	0	0	142,377	(142,377)
Capital leases	—	—	118,764	(118,764)
Utilization of carry forward balances	5,383,143	5,383,143	—	5,383,143
Supplemental appropriations	—	148,000	—	148,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>5,383,143</b>	<b>5,531,143</b>	<b>261,141</b>	<b>5,270,002</b>
Net change in fund balance	—	—	2,593,461	2,593,461
Fund balance — beginning, restated	14,021,787	14,021,787	14,021,787	—
Fund balance — ending	\$ 14,021,787	14,021,787	16,615,248	2,593,461

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## *Town of Falmouth*

### *Outstanding Real Estate Taxes — March 31, 2006*

#### **2003-04 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

ROSS, MAURICE W & JACKIE ..... 125 BLACKSTRAP RD ..... \$2,551.29

#### **2004-05 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

234 MIDDLE ROAD ASSOCIATES.....	234 MIDDLE RD.....	\$2,232.78
BRIDGEVIEW LLC.....	41 ALLEN AVE EXT.....	\$3,532.31
CHUTE, ROBERT E JR & JUDITH P.....	382 MIDDLE RD.....	\$2,548.76
DR PHILMOORE INC.....	WOODS RD.....	\$409.68
GEARY, DONALD L & ANNA S.....	53 LAKESIDE DR.....	\$1,221.63
HAWORTH, AMY J & SEITZ, JOHN R.....	1 STAPLEFORD DR.....	\$104.92
LUNT, WILLIAM III & VIRGINIA A.....	16 LUNT RD.....	\$3,267.14
MACRAE, MARTHA ANN.....	240 MIDDLE RD.....	\$1,965.41
MORRILL, GEORGIANNA.....	16 CLIFTON RD.....	\$2,585.71
PETERSON, KAREN.....	229 GRAY RD.....	\$25.17
ROBERTS, FLORENCE.....	BLACKSTRAP RD.....	\$829.14
ROSS, MAURICE W & JACKIE.....	125 BLACKSTRAP RD.....	\$2,502.14
ROY, WILLIAM V & LOIS L.....	12 CHURCH ST.....	\$2,006.00
RUMPF, DAVID P & DOROTHY A.....	WINN RD.....	\$238.59
SPEEDY OF FALMOUTH INC.....	48 US ROUTE 1.....	\$3,270.35
SYLVESTER, MICHAEL S & SUZANNE V.....	103 FORESIDE RD.....	\$5,088.01
TINSMAN, JENNIFER.....	LONGWOODS RD.....	\$837.18
WAYCOTT, HARRIET L.....	HIGHLAND LAKE.....	\$80.22
ZACHARIAS, PETER M & CORRIE LEE.....	31 EUREKA RD EXT.....	\$4,114.08
ZACHARIAS, PETER M & CORRIE LEE.....	EUREKA RD EXT.....	\$1,496.09

### *Personal Property Taxes — March 31, 2006*

#### **2002-03 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

MAIL AMERICA..... 366 US ROUTE 1 ..... \$271.99

#### **2003-04 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

SARGENT, NANCY.....	251 US ROUTE 1.....	\$27.64
GALLERYRIE.....	190 US ROUTE 1.....	\$86.90
MAIL AMERICA.....	366 US ROUTE 1.....	\$175.38

#### **2004-05 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

GALLERYRIE.....	240 US ROUTE 1.....	\$81.94
CHARLTON, HEATHERANNE.....	123 FALMOUTH RD.....	\$26.28
FORESIDE APPRAISAL CO.....	410 MIDDLE RD.....	\$95.85
GHAZNI CORPORATION.....	190 US ROUTE 1.....	\$361.76
L W GRUBB EXCAVATING.....	94 LEDGEWOOD DR.....	\$463.80
MAIL AMERICA.....	366 US ROUTE 1.....	\$177.79
PNC LEASING LLC.....	VARIOUS LOCATIONS.....	\$57.20
RISUS LLC.....	111 BROOK RD.....	\$32.47
SARGENT, NANCY.....	251 US ROUTE 1.....	\$745.17
SUNTRUST LEASING.....	0 VARIOUS LOCATIONS.....	\$239.63
TUCCI, DAVID.....	234 MIDDLE RD.....	\$281.37
TURF DOCTOR.....	56 GRAY RD.....	\$231.90

# School Committee 2005-2006

*Elected Officials*



**BEPPIE CERF**  
*Chair*



**SCOTT LYDICK**



**MARK TERISON**



**KAREN FARBER**



**BETH FRANKLIN**



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**KATHY HILLMAN REED**  
*Vice-Chair*



**GEORGE ENTWHISTLE**  
*Superintendent*

# School Department

*Superintendent of Schools, George H. Entwistle III, Ed. D.*

The 2005-2006 school year has been both exciting and productive. We have stayed-the-course with the district's 18-Month Action Plan, generated from school and community input collected at the Community Dialogue of October 8, 2004. This process of engaging our stakeholders — students, parents, town and school leaders, teachers, community members, and elected officials — in creating a plan that emphasizes local accountability and spans a reasonable and manageable time period has, indeed, created positive outcomes for students and for our entire school community.

As we near the end of our first 18-month plan, evidence of these positive outcomes can be seen in the new systems, structures, and initiatives that have taken shape across the district. 'Hard data', too, is being closely watched — our District Report Card (accessible at [www.falmouthschools.org](http://www.falmouthschools.org)) presents the quantitative measures, organized by Goal area, that are being monitored to evaluate outcomes from our school improvement efforts.

More attention has been focused this year on using the District-Wide *Code of Conduct* as a foundation for encouraging positive, constructive behavior within the school community. Concerted effort continues to be invested in dialogue to help everyone better understand the kinds of behavior that demonstrate what respect, honesty, tolerance, fairness, responsibility, and courage look like in the elementary, middle, and high schools. Consistent with this effort, we are examining 'best practices' and strategies to put a healthier dose of student centeredness, self esteem, and fun into our programs of athletics, and extra/co-curricular activities.

As well, we are exploring new and authentic opportunities to 'turn up the volume' on student voice in the work that is currently on-going to reform and improve their schools.

Our teaching staff, the true quality barometer of any school district, are more engaged than ever before in meaningful, professional development work. Our new systems for evaluating teachers, both probationary teachers and those on continuing contract, are encouraging very rich, professional conversations. From these conversations, individualized professional

learning plans are being designed — all ultimately focused on improving instructional practices and improving student learning.

Through our affiliations with the Casco Bay Educational Alliance on a local level and some key affiliations with national educational organizations (like the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Coalition of Essential Schools), we are able to access the highest quality professional development services for our teachers and staff. School-based professional learning opportunities, as well, continue to serve as very effective forums for meeting team-specific or school-specific professional learning needs.

At the time of this writing, we are very much looking forward to the Falmouth Public Schools second Community Dialogue scheduled for March 24, 2006. It is our hope that we will have double the number of participants, in general, and triple the number of middle and high school student participants at this year's dialogue. A newly revitalized 18-Month Action Plan will be developed from the data collected at the March 24th event.

One special mention is deserved here regarding the *Falmouth Education Foundation*. The generosity of this organization, and the generosity of Falmouth community members in their support of FEF, greatly enhance the overall experience of a Falmouth Public School education for our students. We, as a school community, are so very grateful for all of the Falmouth Education Foundation's work. In addition, the Principals join me in thanking all the parent volunteers; the gifts of their time and talent make immeasurable contributions in all of the Falmouth Public Schools.

## *Lunt School*

*—Principal, John Flaherty*

We believe that the primary years form the foundation for a student's education. High learning standards and developmentally appropriate practice go hand-in-hand at Lunt School. Lunt Staff have created an atmosphere that is safe and orderly — one that nurtures the academic, social, and emotional growth of students.

Curriculum benchmarks and assessments are aligned with the Maine Learning Results. Student assessment information has been collected for several years to provide ongoing data validating school-wide literacy progress in grades K-2. When assessment results and classroom performance indicate that a child needs additional support, we have an established response system in place to help. It begins with the classroom teacher making modifications to the child's program with support from a literacy education technician. Our Student Assistance Team, two half-time reading specialists, school guidance counselors, and a full cadre of special education staff also provide assistance to children in need.

In addition to literacy, math is an important focus at Lunt School. We are in year two of the implementation process with *Everyday Math*, a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum that is used across the country. It has been extensively researched and proven to build students' mathematical knowledge from the basics to higher-level thinking and critical problem solving. It is a hands-on program that uses the spiral approach, which means skills are addressed several times throughout the school year.

Lunt School has a staff that is second to none. There are twenty classroom teachers, seven specialists, six special education teachers, two guidance counselors, and thirteen educational technicians to offer the best possible educational program to our 438 children. Lunt School is organized with eight half-day kindergartens, one transitional first, eight first, and nine second grade classes.

We pride ourselves on maintaining reasonable teacher-student ratios consistent with best teaching practices. The children enjoy art, music, physical education, and library each week. Additionally, the first (including transitional first) and second graders have a 20-minute French lesson each day.

At Lunt School are a community of learners who work collaboratively in order to ensure a quality educational experience for all of Falmouth's K-2 students.

## Plummer-Motz School

—Principal, Karen Boffa

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings selected Plummer-Motz School as a 2005 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School on September 23, 2005. As stated in a letter by Assistant Secretary Kevin

Sullivan, our school "was chosen for the Blue Ribbon Schools award because it ensures that every child learns and that no child is left behind. It is a national model of excellence from which others can learn." We were nominated for this award by the state because our school was in the top 10% of all schools on state assessment scores in both reading and mathematics.

Both elementary staffs (Lunt and Plummer-Motz) need to be recognized for their commitment to student learning and parents need to be recognized for their continued support of our schools. More information about the NCLB-Blue Ribbon School program may be accessed from the U.S. Department of Education at [www.ed.gov/ptprograms/nclbbrs/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/ptprograms/nclbbrs/index.html)

In addition to reading and mathematics, the staff provides standards-based, enriched instruction in writing, science, social studies, health, and French. Non-competitive, skill-based experiences in physical education are a regular component of each child's week, along with general music, computer technology, and visual arts. The library, which provides services to both Plummer-Motz and Lunt Schools, is a vital key to student learning.

An engaging reading incentive program is an important activity every winter, while research strategies and projects are centered there as well. There is a strong support system of guidance, social work, special education and gifted education, which can respond to special student and family needs in order that every student may find success.

Plummer-Motz School presently educates 354 third and fourth grade students this year. Many of our students take part in extracurricular activities offered at the school. The Plummer-Motz Players had a culminating performance in "Percival the Performing Pig" in the fall. Activities Club offers a wide variety of options, including jump roping, rollerblading, gymnastics, floor hockey, circus arts, hiking, and ice skating.

More than 100 children participate in the fourth grade chorus which rehearses one day a week before school and performs two or more concerts every year. "Kids Who Care," a charitable



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organization, meets before school to support a variety of outreach projects. "Pack a Smile" was a district project where our students filled backpacks with toiletries and school supplies for children who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Math Club is another before-school opportunity for children interested in extra experiences in math.

Teachers work collaboratively each month during the early release afternoons on the school specific projects and initiatives which evolved from the Community Dialogue in October 2004. One of our projects was to develop a new progress report this year. Part of the new report includes the *Guiding Principles* section. We have chosen to focus on student behaviors (or work habits) as an integral piece of our progress reporting in addition to academic reporting. We look forward to our next Community Dialogue in March 2006!

## ***Falmouth Middle School***

***—Principal, Jeff Rodman***

For 178 days per year, Falmouth Middle School is home to 729 students in grades five through eight. The foundation of any successful school is an outstanding faculty — and Falmouth Middle School is no exception. We have a staff of 110, including teachers, support staff, educational technicians, secretaries, custodians, and administrators. Many of our teachers have postgraduate degrees and four have earned the honor of being Nationally Board Certified.

The students of Falmouth Middle School continue to excel in all aspects of school life. As a result of our strong academic program, our standardized test scores are among the best in the state. Our band and chorus programs are outstanding, and our athletic teams compete with enthusiasm, respect, and most importantly, a sense of fair play.



Many of our students have won individual honors in the areas of art, music, English, and mathematics.

In our ongoing effort to improve teaching and learning, our staff has continued to work on curriculum, assessment, and instructional strategies.

As a staff, we have committed significant professional development time discussing and implementing common strategies designed to improve instructional practices most notably in the areas of writing and reading comprehension. It is through these initiatives that we continue to strengthen our already strong academic programs and provide assistance to our students in need of additional support. Also, we are spending time reviewing, reflecting, and improving upon the characteristics and elements of successful and responsive middle schools.

We are equally proud of our student organizations. Our student councils provide leadership, conduct school-wide projects, and assist in community programs. Additionally, the Civil Rights Team has been recognized by the State's Attorney Generals office as being among the largest and most active teams in the state.

Falmouth Middle School strives to be a school that is academically excellent and developmentally responsive to the educational, social, and emotional needs of our student body.

## ***Falmouth High School***

***—Principal, Allyn Hutton***

In September 2005, we started the 2005-06 school year by welcoming 166 new freshmen entering Falmouth High School as the Class of 2009. Falmouth High School (FHS) began the new school year with a total enrollment of 615 students.

The school year at Falmouth High School has been a very exciting and challenging one for both students and staff. During the summer of 2005, a planning team met for three days to set building goals using input from staff, data from the 2004-05 school year and the District goals from the Community Dialogue of October 2004. Objectives for our work were specifically directed to the schools learning environment, athletics, range of student opportunities, and support for teachers.

In the fall of 2005, we also welcomed three new staff members to our Guidance Office. Using the Guidance model piloted in 2004-05, we were able to

hire three individuals with a wide variety of experience that allows us to better serve the needs of the students and families of the Falmouth community. Using a full time post-secondary counselor in collaboration with two highly qualified comprehensive guidance counselors, we have increased our services to all students in grades 9-12.



By re-defining the role of an existing leadership position, the Director of Student Planning and Learning Options was created. The work of this new position has been focused at the high school during the 2005-2006 school year. One objective has been to identify and implement appropriate learning options for students beyond Falmouth High School's current offerings. Web-based courses and internship opportunities are just two of the options being explored. Secondly, a *Student Centered Team* has been formed. The purpose of the team is to provide a forum to ensure that the needs of every student are addressed. Any perceived student need (academic, social, emotional, behavioral, and/or familial) may be the basis for a referral. Also, the team itself may use data to identify target groups of students in need of services. This work has been a welcomed addition to Falmouth High School.

**The vision statement of FHS states that: *we shall foster the development of ethical, responsible, involved citizens of the Falmouth and the global community; AND prepare students academically, emotionally and socially to meet their post-secondary goals and aspirations.*** It is through continued collaborative efforts with students, parents, staff and colleagues that we can make our vision a reality at Falmouth High School.

## Special Education

—**Director, Carolyn Crowell**

Special Education and related services are provided to students with disabilities in accordance with Federal and State laws. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was reauthorized in December 2004 through P.L. 108-446. Falmouth will be making adjustments to our policies and procedures as soon as the new regulations are made available by the Federal and State governments.

Our number of students served through Special Education has remained stable. As of the December 1 "child count," Falmouth has 247 students who receive special education and related services within our schools (K-12). This represents 11.6% of the total school population.

The Youth Alternatives Program for girls moved into Falmouth in June 2005. The girls who reside at Youth Alternatives (a short-term transitional

residence) may attend FHS for up to six weeks. This new program, largely funded by state grants, provides outstanding educational opportunities for the girls and they, in turn, contribute positively to the Falmouth High School community.

Our staff includes special education teachers, educational technicians, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, social workers, school psychological services providers, and part-time contracted service providers for physical therapy, vocational training, psychiatric consultation, and other specialized evaluations, as required.

Our Special Education website provides a wide range of information pertinent to Special Education and can be accessed at [www.falmouthschools.org](http://www.falmouthschools.org)

## District News

—**Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Powers**

While the Department of Education continues to revise graduation guidelines and other Maine Learning Results regulations pending further legislative action, Falmouth teachers and administrators have decided to make curriculum, instruction, and assessment decisions based on what is best for students. To that end, three major tasks are currently the focus of work facilitated at the district level by the following groups: 1) the Literacy Review Team, 2) the Modern and Classical Languages Curriculum Review Team, and 3) the Falmouth High School Graduate Study Group.

The Literacy Review Team involves teacher representatives from all four buildings, the Middle School principal, and the assistant superintendent. This group is charged with developing coherent and consistent strategies in reading and writing instruction, with special emphasis on the middle grades and high school.

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### *School Department Report continued*

Last fall, all students in grades 4 through 10 participated in an on-line reading assessment developed by Northwest Evaluative Associates, or NWEA. Parents will receive information in the spring that reports on reading gains students have made since the fall. Meanwhile, it should be noted that our student baseline scores were very strong when compared with national data. Growth patterns will now be able to be more carefully monitored than ever before on a student-by-student basis.

In addition to literacy, the district scheduled a curriculum review this year in the area of Modern and Classical Languages. All foreign language teachers will participate in this review, which is being facilitated by teacher leaders with language expertise. The first group of students who received French instruction since first grade finally reached the high school, and a study of the impact of that early instruction is currently being conducted. A goal for this group will be to ascertain whether curriculum is appropriate, sequential, and engaging.

As the final area of district focus, a Falmouth High School Graduate Study Group convened in December. This group includes middle school and high school teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, and parents.

The two essential questions guiding this group are: How well are Falmouth Schools preparing students for the rigors of college and university study? Is there a demonstrated need for strengthened curriculum through instructional standards and/or additional advanced course options?

The group is assessing recent comments made by graduates using an on-line survey and small group meetings at the high school. Once the assessment of all comments is completed and a summary prepared, options for responding to any areas of concern, cited by these students, will be researched and eventually become district recommendations spring 2006.

This year the Falmouth Public Schools were pleased to have four more teachers recognized as certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: *Janet Anderson*, 4th grade teacher; *Jennifer Merrifield*, 4th grade teacher; *Kathy Earle*, elementary physical education teacher; and, *Jon Radtke*, high school history and economics teacher. They join *Peg Becksvoort*, *Linda D'Apolito*, *Nancy Durst*, *Gary Glick*, *Catherine Hobby*, *Mike Inlow*, *Gene Kucinkas*, *Joanna*

*Leary*, *Gary Spring*, *Emily Stuart*, *Shawn Towle*, *Peter Vose*, and *Wendy Northrup*. Falmouth now has 17 board certified teachers, the highest number of any school district in the state.

## ***Technology Integration***

### ***—Director of Student Planning and Learning Options, Sue Palfrey***

Technology integration in Falmouth is rooted in the belief that high quality use of computers in our schools depends on keeping high quality teaching at the forefront. Our goal is to use technology when it can improve student learning.

Well used, technology allows students to focus on higher level thinking skills, revise work (working toward higher standards), manipulate data, communicate higher level thinking skills through graphic representations and hyperlinks, and expand sources for gathering information and communicating knowledge. It allows teachers to tailor lessons according to individual student needs, including variations in pacing, level of complexity, level of abstraction or concreteness, and/or assigned student products.

Technology access varies from grade to grade. Students in kindergarten through grade 2 have access to one or two computers in their classroom. Large screen monitors are available on carts for doing whole group instruction using a computer.

Third through 5th grade students attend computer class in a computer lab where students do projects based on classroom study. Third through 6th grade students and high school students use laptops that are housed on carts wheeled into the classroom. This year, every 7th through 9th grade student has a laptop to use both at school and at home. Seventh grade teachers are now in their fourth year of teaching with laptops; 8th grade in their third year; and 9th grade teachers have had students with laptops for just over a year. Middle School teachers report that students having laptops has meant a positive change in how they instruct students, resulting in higher expectations for student learning. At this time, it appears that the cart model is a better solution at the high school. We closely monitor and will continue to monitor computer usage data on a yearly basis. All data is posted on the technology section of the school web site.

In addition, at the high school, there are three computer labs and computers available in

the library. Students use computers on a regular basis to do homework. Approximately 250 of our current students have taken or are taking at least one technology course (up from 200 in last year's report).

Technology learning opportunities are also offered to all staff to support individual, building, and district professional work. Teachers learn, with increasing proficiency, to use productivity software (such as word processing and spreadsheets), databases, and the Internet to communicate, plan, research, and work with student data on a daily basis. Professional learning happens in the context

of authentic work such as looking at assessment data, designing online research investigations, or using technology to provide differentiated learning opportunities which specifically are targeted to the proficiency level of student/group of students.



**TOWN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Statement 2

	General	Nonmajor Special Revenue	Capital Reserve Fund	Nonmajor Capital Projects	TOTAL Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Taxes	\$ 17,495,793	—	—	—	17,495,793
Intergovernmental	6,084,749	683,413	—	—	6,768,162
Charges for services	—	436,753	—	—	436,753
Investment income	—	11,204	—	2,688	13,892
Other	11,652	166,384	—	—	178,036
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>22,592,194</b>	<b>1,297,754</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>24,892,636</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
Regular instruction	13,906,159	1,026,400	—	—	14,932,559
Other instruction	535,521	—	—	—	535,521
Student support	1,898,059	—	—	—	1,898,059
School administration	1,144,553	—	—	—	1,144,553
General administration	639,651	—	—	—	639,651
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,073,062	—	—	—	2,073,062
Student transportation	968,962	—	—	—	968,962
Debt service	2,136,667	—	—	—	2,136,667
Capital Improvement	320,647	—	—	192,265	512,912
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>23,623,281</b>	<b>1,026,400</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>192,265</b>	<b>24,841,946</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(31,087)	271,354	—	(189,577)	50,690
<b>TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:</b>					
Transfer (to) from Capital Reserve Fund	(565,556)	—	565,556	—	—
Transfer (to) from Medicaid Fund	82,355	(82,355)	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS IN</b>	<b>(483,201)</b>	<b>(82,355)</b>	<b>565,556</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Net change in fund balances	(514,288)	188,999	565,556	(189,577)	50,690
Fund balances, beginning of year as originally recorded	1,144,791	295,921	—	292,383	1,733,095
Prior period adjustment — accrued compensated absences	80,098	—	—	—	80,098
<b>FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 710,601</b>	<b>484,920</b>	<b>565,556</b>	<b>102,806</b>	<b>1,863,883</b>

(See accompanying notes to fund financial statement.)



# Falmouth Memorial Library

5 Lunt Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105

<http://www.falmouth.lib.me.us>

Lynda L. Sudlow, Director

*The mission of the Falmouth Memorial Library is 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.* (Adopted June 2003)



## Statistics for FY 2005

- The library checked out 161,536 items.
- This is an increase of 4% over the previous year; 33% in the last 5 years and 190% in the last 10 years. This included:
  - ✓ 45,200 books for adults; 71,752 books for children; 10,069 audio books,
  - ✓ 22,573 video cassettes and DVDs; 4,798 music CDs; 3,016 magazines, and
  - ✓ 4,128 items borrowed from other libraries for our patrons (up 244% over the previous year)
- 113,935 people came into the library.
- More than 6,300 people attended library events.
- Approximately 5,661 people used the library's internet access computers
- The meeting spaces were scheduled 1,028 times.

The Falmouth Library is a member of *Minerva*, a consortium of more than 55 Maine libraries whose mission is to provide easy access to and sharing of more than several million items, including books, videos, CDs and audio books, using on-line requesting and an efficient delivery system. It also offers access to MARVEL! — a collection of full text articles and abstracts from thousands of magazines, newspapers, and reference books that are credible, reputable resources.

The Library receives approximately 78% of its budget from the Town of Falmouth. The library raised \$50,560 through its annual fund campaign and also received slightly more than \$40,000 in other contributions last year. The Falmouth Lions make a contribution towards the library's book collection in memory of each Falmouth resident who passes away. The community is generous in its support.

The Library is now facing unprecedented

challenges. Population and usage both continue to increase at an amazing rate. Technology is constantly changing, and even the fundamental ways in which libraries and their patrons retrieve books and information have changed dramatically in the past ten years.

If the Falmouth Memorial Library is to remain a strong and vital resource to the community, changes need to be made. The Library Board of Trustees has taken steps to determine what the community expects of their library and where the library stands in terms of regional and national standards. A new study is now underway to determine the feasibility of an expansion project at this time.

## Highlights and Events of 2005

Children's Librarian *Louise Capizzo* represented us at the American Library Association's National Convention in Chicago as a member of the Batchelder Committee. The committee's task is to choose the best children's book published in the previous year that had been translated from a foreign language into English.

"LunchBox Friends," the monthly lunchtime program sponsored by the Friends of the Falmouth Memorial Library featuring popular local authors, welcomed *Monica Wood*, *Thomas Urquhart*, *Verner Reed*, and *Julia Spencer-Fleming*.

The 3rd annual Textile Day was held November 13. Textile artists were invited to demonstrate their craft for the general public, and many got a chance to try their hand at such skills as weaving, knitting, and spinning.

The Library sponsored the 1st Annual Falmouth



*Children's book author Amy MacDonald chats with illustrator Dawn Peterson at the First Annual Falmouth Authors Day at the Library, February 12, 2005*



*Colleen Donovan and daughter Clare enjoy a story together at the library..*

Authors' Day (February 12) when 15 Falmouth authors and illustrators converged to chat with readers and colleagues.

Other programs offered by the library and the Friends of the Library include regular story times for young children, crafts and stories for older children, a summer reading program, book discussion groups, book sales, the Holiday Revels, and Library Sundae (featuring antique autos, Doc's Banjo Band and sundaes).

Volunteers helped with clean-up days, book sales, bottle sorting, Gift-a Book, shelving, craft programs, recycling, and much more.

For more information about the Falmouth Memorial Library and its programs and services and links to reliable and useful information including the MARVEL! databases, please visit the website: [www.falmouth.lib.me.us](http://www.falmouth.lib.me.us).



*Doc's Banjo Band entertains the crowd during Library Sundae, July 24, 2005.*

## *In Memoriam*

During the past year, the Falmouth Memorial Library lost three very important people who dedicated themselves to make the Library what it is today. We mourn the passing of **Leroy Wilson** (December 6, 2005), one of the people whose support and influence made the last library expansion possible and who was a lifetime member of the Library Board of Trustees.

**Carlton Wing**, a former Library trustee and co-chair of the Building Committee in 1994-1995 passed away on February 8, 2005. **Mrs. Dorothea Plummer** passed away on October 30, 2005. She was an outstanding volunteer and enthusiastic supporter of the Friends of the Falmouth Library for many years.

*We continue to appreciate the generosity of the Falmouth Lions who donate funds to the Falmouth Memorial Library for a book purchase in memory of each deceased person.*

# Information Systems Administration

## *Highlights for the Year 2005 included:*

- Provided full-time computer support to the town's 68 users, 6 remote sites, and 7 network servers.
- Implemented Citrix (thin client computing) at Town Hall, Public Safety, Wastewater, Public Works, and Fire stations.
- Installed a proxy server and internet monitoring software.
- Replaced the Town's financial server with new hardware and a Linux-based operating system.
- Conducted a Disaster Recovery Assessment.
- Drafted a new Security Policy for Town Employee's.
- Updated GIS Parcel Maps, Roads, Buildings, Street Map and Sewer Coverage.
- Continued to update and maintain the town's website.



*Jennifer Phinney,  
Information  
Systems Administrator*

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## *Report of the Portland Water District Trustees*

- William Lunt, Falmouth, elected President March 2005; Trustees voted for charter membership in Southern Maine Regional Water Council; six other Water Districts from Kittery to Portland chartered by Maine Legislature.
- Collaborative efforts of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Portland Water District (PWD), and neighbors opened of 1,700 acres of District land to the general public through a permitting process; collaboration with the Town of Windham resulted in the opening of Chaffin Pond Nature preserve and trail system; gave easement for Portland Trails at Thompson Point in Portland; worked with the City of Portland to upgrade the India Street pump station, in consideration of the Ocean Gateway project.
- District Bio-solids contract went to bid resulting in a substantial savings; added waste water billing for Falmouth; moved ahead with a complete meter replacement program; researching a service line warranty program for water and sewer users; nearing completion of Sodium Hypochlorite conversion; moving away from liquid chlorine; vehicle idling policy adopted for District equipment.
- Awarded another Scholarship in the name of Trustee Joe DiPietro; PWD received Operational Excellence Award from Maine Water Utilities Association; seventh year award for financial reporting.
- New communications system in operation allowing for customers access 24-hrs-a-day.
- Produced Video of Trustees discussing the District Budget process, available to local cable stations.
- Continually working to protect the water and watershed of the lower bay.



# Town of Falmouth

## Directory of Community Services

This directory contains listings of services in the Greater Portland Area as well as local schools and churches.

The directory is published by the Town of Falmouth's Human Services Committee, whose function is to insure that a safety net is in place in Falmouth to meet the needs of any resident whose safety or health is at risk.

If you have need for more information about these services, you may contact one of the committee members listed below, or the Welfare Director at the Falmouth Town Hall at 781-5253.

### *Human Services Committee:*

Jane Sudds

24 Harding Ave  
781-3525

Susan Love  
12 Hunter's Way  
878-6628

Diane Moore  
234 Falmouth Road  
781-2366

Falmouth Town Hall  
271 Falmouth Road  
781-5253

### *Maine Poison Center*

1-800-222-1222

### *Maine Medical Center*

871-2381 — emergency room

### *Mercy Hospital*

879-3266 — emergency room

## ■ *Crisis Intervention*

### *Ingraham Volunteers*

237 Oxford St., Portland  
774-HELP – Hotline  
Ingraham provides an immediate intervention, suicide prevention, counseling, advocacy, and emergency financial assistance. It is also a point of entry for emergency mental health services

### *Crossroad for Women*

773-9931  
Halfway House for substance abuse

### *Sexual Assault Response Service*

774-3613

This Center offers free and confidential 24 hour service to victims of sexual assault. They also provide support groups, sexual assault awareness and prevention

### *Family Crisis Services*

874-1973 or 774-HELP

The center provides a 24 hour Hotline, and emergency shelter in a confidential location, a children's advocate program and outreach programs. It strives to end domestic abuse in Cumberland & Sagadahoc Counties.

### *Survivors of Incest & Crisis*

#### *Intervention Services*

774-HELP

24 hour access to mental health services for adults, children and families. Mobile crisis response, psychiatric consultation, alternative to hospitalization, information and referral.

### *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*

1-888-568-1112  
24 hour hotline

## ■ *Alcohol and Drug Abuse*

### *Day One*

1000 Shore Road  
Cape Elizabeth  
767-0991

Day One provides services for youth and their families affected by alcohol and other drugs. Services include: long-term residential treatment; aftercare, adolescent and family counseling, prevention and education.

### *AA - Alcoholics Anonymous*

78 Portland St.  
774-4335

### *Al-Anon*

1-800-498-1844  
Support for anyone living with alcoholism.

## ■ *Children's Services*

### *Bureau of Children with Special Needs (DHHS)*

822-0126  
1-800-492-0846

### *Center for Grieving Children*

49 York Street, Portland  
775-5216

The Center provides support for children and their parents who have a loved one or friend who is very ill or has died; outreach education for parents, schools, groups, child care centers.

### *Sweetser Children's Services*

50 Moody Road, Saco  
1-800-434-3000

Sweetser is committed to the special needs of children and adolescents, families and communities includes treatment, education and care.

### *Southern Maine Parent Awareness*

886 Main Street, Sanford  
324-2337

The agency provides information and referral, support and education to families who have children with special needs.

### *Child Abuse and Neglect*

#### *Dept. of Human Services*

1-800-452-1999

## ■ *Elderly Services*

### *Reassurance Program*

Falmouth Police Dept.  
271 Falmouth Rd  
781-2300

The Falmouth Police Dept. offers this program which provides a call-in service "at no charge" for Senior citizens of Falmouth who live alone. If you know of anyone, or if you yourself would like to participate. Please call 781-2300 with questions.

### *Southern Maine Agency on Aging*

136 Route One, Scarborough  
396-6500  
1-800-400-6325

This agency provides comprehensive assistance for older people and their family caretakers seeking information and access to programs, benefits.

### *Meals On Wheels*

1-800-400-6325

### *Community Counseling Center*

343 Forest Ave., Portland  
874-1030

### *Adult Protective Intake*

#### *Adult Abuse and Neglect (DHHS)*

1-800-624-8404

## ■ *Family, Food, and Financial Services*

### *People's Regional*

#### *Opportunity Programs (PROP)*

510 Cumberland Ave., Portland  
874-1140

PROP provides outreach assistance for homebound elderly, fuel assistance, housing and weatherization, transportation, energy services, food, family support/counseling, crisis intervention and referrals to other agencies.

### *Department of Health & Human Services*

822-2000, 1-800-482-7520

Provides emergency assistance.  
Food Stamps, Medicaid

### *Town of Falmouth*

#### *General Assistance Program*

271 Falmouth Rd

781-5253

This program provides short term assistance with food, housing utilities.

## ■ *Transportation*

### *Regional Transportation Program*

127 St. John St., Portland

774-2666

Provides transportation for elderly, disabled and low income residents for medical appointments and shopping. Call 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday–Friday to schedule appointments.

## ■ *Health Care Services*

### *Home Health Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine*

Portland, 775-7231

1-800-479-4331

Agency provides home health care including nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, home health aides, and mental health services.

### *Hospice of Maine*

519 Ocean Ave., Portland

774-4417

### *VNA Home Health Care*

So. Portland

780-8624

Provides home health & hospice services. nursing & therapy.

### *Community Dental*

Portland  
874-1028

## ■ *Legal Services*

### *Pine Tree Legal Assistance*

774-8211

### *Volunteer Lawyers Project*

774-4348, 1-800-442-4293

### *Lawyer Referral Service*

622-1460

## ■ *Local Churches*

### *Holy Martyrs*

266 Foreside Rd., 781-4573

### *Emmaus Lutheran*

265 Middle Rd., 781-4820

### *Foreside Community*

340 Foreside Rd., 781-5880

### *Falmouth Congregational*

267 Falmouth Rd., 781-3413

### *West Falmouth Baptist*

18 Mountain Rd., 797-4066

### *St. Mary the Virgin*

43 Foreside Rd., 781-3366

### *Church at Falmouth*

65 Depot Rd, 781-4709

## ■ *Schools*

### *Superintendent's Office*

51 Woodville Rd.  
Dr. George Entwistle,  
Superintendent, 781-3200

### *Plummer-Motz School*

192 Middle Rd., 781-3988

### *Lunt School*

74 Lunt Rd., 781-7424

### *Falmouth Middle School*

52 Woodville Rd., 781-3740

### *Falmouth High School*

74 Woodville Rd., 781-7429

# For Your Information

[www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us)

## Voter Registration

Residents may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall during regular business hours. Please bring proof of residency with you (i.e., driver's license, tax bill, mail with resident address, etc.). Voting takes place at Falmouth High School on Woodville Road.

## Vehicle Registration

New registrations, as well as re-registrations, can be done at Town Hall without having to go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. To register a vehicle you must have the serial or vehicle identification number, year, make, model, color, weight and optional equipment of the vehicle to be registered.

You must also provide the current mileage of the vehicle and proof of insurance. With a new registration, you are required to present the bill of sale or dealer's sales tax certificate, window sticker, and the application for title. Under state law, we cannot process your registration without proof of insurance.

### Online Vehicle Registration Renewal:

Renewing your vehicle registration is as easy as point and click with **Rapid Renewal**.

This Internet service lets you renew your registration 24 hours a day, seven days a week online. Rapid Renewal provides Maine citizens an easy way to pay their local excise tax and renew their vehicle registration online.

All you need is your current vehicle registration, current proof of insurance, and credit card or checkbook. On our homepage ([www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us)) click on the Rapid Renewal picture to begin the process. Tags are mailed; however, you may print an authorization form immediately that provides legal proof of payment.

Visit the Secretary of State's Office at [www.sosonline.org](http://www.sosonline.org) for more details.

## Birth Certificates

Birth Certificates may be obtained from:

- the City or Town in which the child was born
- the City or Town in which the mother was living at the time of the birth
- the State Department of Vital Statistics located in Augusta, Maine

The fee for a certified birth certificate is \$10.00 for the first copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy.

## Marriage Licenses

A marriage license, at a cost of \$30, may be obtained from the Town Clerk. For persons previously married, a certificate must be presented indicating the dissolution of the former marriage.

## Dog Licenses

To license a dog, a current **State of Maine rabies certificate** must be presented along with a spaying certificate for females and neutering certificate for males.

The fee for unaltered dogs, male or female, is \$10.00 and \$6.00 for altered dogs.

**All dogs six months or older must be licensed by the end of the calendar year.** A late fee of \$15.00 is effective on February 1. This late fee increases to \$25 effective April 1.

You may register your dog online at [doglicensing.com](http://doglicensing.com) or visit [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us) and click on 'Town Clerk/dog licensing'.

## Fish and Game Licenses

Fishing or hunting licenses may be purchased from the Town Clerk for \$23.00 for residents.

The cost of a resident combination fishing and hunting license is \$40.00. A junior hunting license may be obtained for persons 10 years of age or older and under 16 years for \$9.00/residents.

Hunting and/or fishing licenses can also be obtained online at: [www.state.me.us](http://www.state.me.us) and click on 'buy hunting and fishing license'.

### Other licenses include:

Archery License — \$23.00

Resident Military — \$5.00

Duplicate License — \$2.00

Bear Permit — \$29.00

Small Game License — \$16.00

Migratory Waterfowl Stamps — \$7.50

# FIRE or POLICE: Emergency Calls — 911

Business Calls — 781-2300 • TDD — 781-4154

## *Town and School Directory*

FOR INFORMATION ON:

ADMINISTRATION (Town Manager)	John "Doug" Harris..... 781-5253
ASSESSING	Anne Gregory ..... 781-5253
BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL	
PERMITS, ZONING CODES	Al Farris, Jr..... 781-5253
BURNING PERMITS	Cameron Martin..... 781-2300
CERTIFICATES (Birth, Death, Marriage)	Kathleen Babeu ..... 781-5253
HARBOR CONTROL	John Dalton ..... 781-2300
LICENSES (Dog, Victualer, Liquor, Hunting, Fishing, Mooring)	Kathleen Babeu ..... 781-5253
PARKS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	Skip Varney ..... 781-5253
PLANNING	George Thebarger..... 781-5253
POLICE	Ed Tolan ..... 781-2300
PROPERTY TAXES	Ellen Planer ..... 781-5253
ROAD MAINTENANCE	Anthony Hayes ..... 781-3919
HIGH SCHOOL	Principal's Office ..... 781-7429
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Principal's Office ..... 781-3740
PLUMMER-MOTZ	Principal's Office ..... 781-3988
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	George Entwistle ..... 781-3200
SEPTIC PUMPING PERMITS	Al Farris, Jr..... 781-5253
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Robert "Pete" Clark ..... 781-4462
SNOW REMOVAL	Anthony Hayes ..... 781-3919
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING	Anthony Hayes ..... 781-3919
STORM DRAINAGE	Anthony Hayes ..... 781-3919
TREE WARDEN	Anthony Hayes ..... 781-3919
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	Connie Kaherl ..... 781-5253
VOTER REGISTRATION	Kathleen Babeu ..... 781-5253
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Thomas Lovett ..... 781-2300
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Kathleen Babeu..... 781-5253
WOOD STOVE PERMITS	Al Farris, Jr..... 781-5253

**Town Hall Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday;  
Thursdays until 5:30 p.m. only for property tax payments, vehicle registrations, and licenses.**

**FAX: (207) 781-3640; internet access — <http://town.falmouth.me.us>**

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE (District No. 112) — Gerald M. Davis**

Home Address: 15 Hamlin Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105  
(207) 797-5309; Email: [gmdavis@maine.rr.com](mailto:gmdavis@maine.rr.com)

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE (District No. 113) — John Brautigam**

Home Address: 1 Knight Hill Road, Falmouth, ME 04105  
(207) 797-7131; Email: [jblaw@maine.rr.com](mailto:jblaw@maine.rr.com) (800) 423-2900

### **STATE SENATOR (District No. 11) — Karl Turner**

Home Address: 16 Town Landing Road, Cumberland, ME 04110  
(207) 829-9231; Email: [kwturner@yahoo.com](mailto:kwturner@yahoo.com)

### **FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Congressman Thomas Allen (Democrat)  
District Office: 234 Oxford Street, Portland, Maine 04101  
(207) 774-5019; Email: [rep.tomallen@mail.house.gov](mailto:rep.tomallen@mail.house.gov)

### **UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Olympia J. Snowe (Republican)  
District Office: 3 Canal Plaza P.O. Box 188 DTS, Portland, ME 04112  
(207) 874-0883; Email: [olympia@snowe.senate.gov](mailto:olympia@snowe.senate.gov)

Susan M. Collins (Republican)

District Office: 202 Harlow Street, Rm 204, P.O. Box 655, Bangor, ME 04402  
(207) 945-0417; Email: <http://collins.senate.gov/low/contactemail.htm>

Visit our website ([www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us), go to "Town Clerk," go to "Elections/Voter Registration")  
for detailed state and federal legislator contact information.

# 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 2005: 25 Years of Service:

*Diane Moore*  
*Stephen Hamilton*

## 20 Years

*Mark Damon*  
*Charles Brown*  
*Peter Marlowe*

## 15 Years

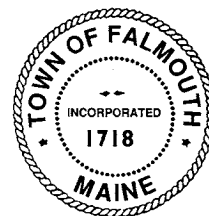
*Dwayne Brown*

## 10 Years

*Edward Tolan*  
*Frank Soule*

## 5 Years

*Matthew Gilbert*  
*Alfred McIntosh*  
*Sally Pierce*  
*John Rundin*



## American Legion Post 164, Falmouth, Maine

As Falmouth American Legion Post 164 enters its 59th year, we are proud of our history as well as our 42 areas of community service to the town. Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day Ceremony, and Veterans Day Dance are but a few of the 2005 programs.

The Post home is open seven days a week for veterans seeking assistance, as well as Post Hall rentals. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. — all Vets are welcome. Our telephone is 781-4709.



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