



Board Meeting

The Falmouth Historical Society

April 9, 2024

Falmouth Heritage Museum



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Committee Reports

- Programs
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- Museum Buildings & Grounds

- Technology (skip)

- Development

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Falmouth Comprehensive Plan Update

FHS listed under “Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, and External Organizations”

Named in two actions under “Historic Resources”

- Comprehensive survey of historic resources
- Interpretive signage

Historic Resources								
Actions	Pillar	Related Plans/Studies	Action Type	Responsible Agency/Collaborators	Cost/Resources	Ease of Implementation	Timeline	Best Practices
POLICY 1: Protect historic resources to strengthen Falmouth's cultural and historic fabric and promote connection through education and place-making.								
A. Continue to protect historic resources through the Town's subdivision ordinance.			Regulation	PB	\$	Easy	Short	
B. Continue to require the planning board to incorporate review and comment by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for proposed development on or adjacent to a property that is on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.			Regulation	PB, CDD	\$	Easy	Short	
C. Work with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to evaluate the benefits of a nomination to National Register of Historic Places for the archaeological site at River Point.			Partnership/Coordination	TM, MHPC	\$	Easy	Short	
D. Work with the Falmouth Historical Society, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and others to assess the need for a comprehensive survey of Falmouth's historic and archaeological resources.			Partnership/Coordination	FHS, MHPC, TM	\$	Easy	Medium	
E. Develop interpretive signage to educate the community about the historical and cultural significance of certain sites and landmarks.			Resource Allocation	FHS, PWD	\$	Medium	Medium	

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Minutes for board meeting (*approved online*)

Membership report

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current members	62	15	6	83
Members pending renewal	23	1		24
Total	85	16	6	107
Lapsed	-	-		-

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Financial Report

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Accounts Balance	\$4,389	Minus restricted grants	●
Projected Income	\$1,340	"	●
Projected Expenses	\$3,729	"	●
Projected Year-End Balance	\$1,955	In the black	●
Projected Year-End Gain	\$146	Treading water	●
Variance from Budget	-\$1,725	Well under budget	●
Change in Unrestricted Net Current Assets	\$51	In the black	●
Investments	\$24,548	Doing well	●

Took a \$516.80 reduction in inventory (reflected as "shrinkage" under Cost of Goods Sold) for removal of FHS-themed merchandise



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Upcoming Events

Late May

FES Second Grade Field Trip
Falmouth Heritage Museum

Mon, 05/27

Falmouth Memorial Day Parade
Legion Hall

Tue, 06/04

Beginning of Public Hours
Falmouth Heritage Museum

Tue, 06/11

FHS Table at the Polls
Falmouth High School

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Tue, 06/22

FHS Table at Falmouth Festival

Tidewater Farm

Historical display and tour; need logistical info

Tue, 06/25

Falmouth History Tour

Tentative

Falmouth Parks & Community Programs

Tue, 07/16

Falmouth History Tour

Tentative

OceanView

Sun, 09/22 to

FHS Table at Cumberland Fair

Sat, 09/28

Exhibition Hall, Cumberland Fairground

Setup on 09/21

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Museum Operations & Exhibits Committee

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Spring Cleaning at the Musuem
Sat, 05/18, 9:00 a.m.



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Ongoing Activities

Work on digital catalog continues



Committee meeting weekly to work on the MMD Collection

Archives	335
Photos	85
Library	527
Artifacts	352
Total	1,299

<https://thefhs.pastperfectonline.com/>

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Responses to Queries

Conducted research; received/responded

	March	In Process
Collections	-	
Family History	2	3
Property History	1	2
Local History	-	2
Total	3	



Includes a request from an author of historical fiction asking us to review a draft of her latest book

Doesn't count an unusually large number of administrative requests

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Website Expansion

Category	Visible	Items/New	Status
Research – Ancient Falmouth	✗		
Research – Family History	✗		
Research – Property History	✗		
Research – Historical References	✓	18 / 1	
Research – Family References	✓	25 / 0	
Research – Historical Maps	✓	19 / 0	
Members Only -- Newsletters	✓	25 / 0	
Members Only – Local Resources	✗		
Members Only – Local Research	✓	3 / 0	

**NO CHANGE
THIS MONTH**



Communications Committee

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Working on the spring newsletter

- Feature story of Pineland Restaurant, later Berliner Bear
 - Driven by online activity and apparent interest in topic
 - Will feature the two old houses in summer issue (coincide with tours)
- Upcoming events
 - Spring cleaning
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Museum Opening
 - Tables at Polls
 - Table at Falmouth Festival
 - Falmouth History Tour



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Merchandise Committee

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Removed low-demand items from inventory

Still need to replenish cookbook inventory



**THE FALMOUTH
HERITAGE BOOKSTORE**

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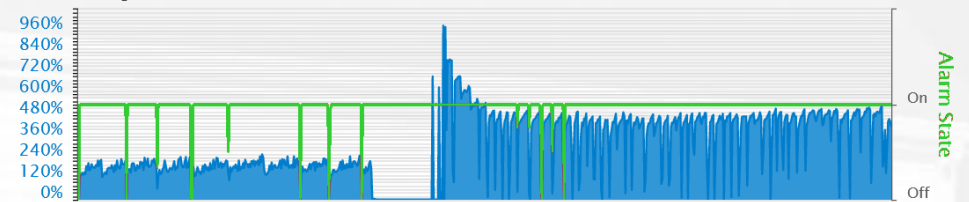
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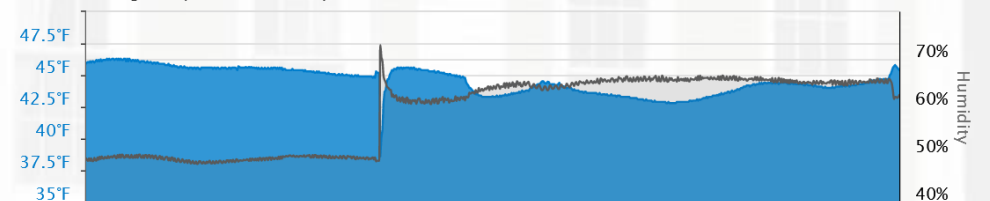
Two power outages

- Sat, 03/23, 9:07 pm, to Tue, 03/26, 7:49 pm
- Thu, 04/04, 12:45 pm, to Sun, 04/07, 4:30 am

Water Level
Average Water Level & Alarm State



Temperature & Humidity
Average Temperature & Humidity



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