

An aerial photograph of a coastal region featuring several small, green islands and peninsulas surrounded by blue water. The land is densely forested with some buildings visible on the larger islands. The water shows varying depths and textures, with some areas appearing shallower and more turbulent. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

West Falmouth Village Association

Annual Meeting
August 7, 2025

Agenda



1. President's Welcome - **Jim Gray**
2. Treasurer's Report - **Ollie Egleston**
3. Accomplishments – **Tammy Gilbert**
4. Board Nominations & Elections – **Susan Challenger**
5. Public Safety – **Todd Taylor**
6. 2025/26 Community Events – **Tammy Gilbert**
7. Sidewalk discussion – **Jim Gray**
8. Questions/Comments
9. Guest Speaker - **Eileen Miskell**, Upper Cape YMCA
10. Conversation & Social

2024-2025 Accomplishments

- **Seasonal Newsletter** – Effective form of communication with our members. Distribution to over 600. 70% open rate and much positive feedback.
- **Online Payment** - options were implemented for yearly dues resulting in more members renewing their membership and/or joining the Village Association.
- **Community Events** – Multiple events hosted and well received
 - Annual Tree Lighting and Social
 - Earth Day Event – Plastic Problems
 - Children's crafts provided for the West Falmouth Library's children's program and Halloween Parade
 - Community cleanups
- **Road Safety**
 - Audit – Completed. Available on website. Advocacy with MADOT ongoing.
 - Safety Zones along Old Dock and Chapoquoit Road. Thanks, DPW!
 - Sidewalk– Installed from Old Dock Road parking lot to boat ramp/dock (ADA compliant crosswalk)

Nominations

- Paul Sellers has offered to return to the Village Association Board!
- President – Jim Gray
- Secretary - Tammy Gilbert
- Treasurer - Susan Challenger

2025/2026 WFVA Board Members

- Jim Gray, President
- Tammy Gilbert, Secretary
- Susan Challenger, Treasurer
- Mary Bunker-Ryther
- Alden Cook
- Ollie Egleston
- Paul Sellers
- Dan Shearer
- Dave Sugar
- Todd Taylor
- Milt Williamson

Public Safety



Fire Station
Update

2025/2026 Community Events

- Tennis at Swift Park beginning September 10th
- Public Forums will be held to discuss issues of importance to West Falmouth.
- Holiday Tree Lighting – Friday, 12/5, Holidays by the Sea Weekend
- Speaker for Earth Day
- All information will be communicated via the seasonal newsletter.

Revisiting Sidewalks

Background

- Previous sidewalk decision..."30 years ago"
- Character features trumped the changing needs

Feedback from 2023 WFVA Road Safety Survey

Over 200 responses were received, and "SIDEWALK" was mentioned 78 times

- *"Improved and/or additional sidewalks would enhance the safety of those walking in the area."*
- *"Walking can be a great danger."*
- *"The lack of adequate sidewalks is dangerous as cars pass by at an unreasonable speed."*
- *"The sidewalks need attention."*

Revisiting Sidewalks

MASS DOT Road Safety Audit Report July 2025

- *“Pedestrian accommodations throughout the corridor are limited, with disconnected sidewalk segments and few designated crossings” “However, these segments are not continuous and many are in disrepair, limiting the overall usefulness.”*
- *“Ensure all new or upgraded pedestrian infrastructure, including sidewalks and crosswalks, complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.”*
- *“Along the west and east side of the West Falmouth Highway section of Route 28A, evaluate the condition of the existing sidewalk structure to determine whether the sidewalk needs to be repaired or replaced.”*

Next Steps

- WFVA seeking opinions of the West Falmouth Community
- Two Primary Alternatives
 1. Keep what we have
 2. Install 5' sidewalks

Questions / Comments



Welcome Eileen Miskell

