



Board Meeting

The Falmouth Historical Society

March 12, 2024

Falmouth Heritage Museum



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Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- Programs
- Museum Operation & Exhibits
- Collections

• Local History

• Communications

• Merchandise

• Museum Buildings & Grounds

• Technology (skip)

• Development

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Our “quiet” season

- Busy with the ongoing tempo of year-round activities
 - Collections
 - Research
 - Facilities
 - Administration
- Planning and preparing programs for our “busy” season
- “Doing history”



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Streamlining Admin

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As decided at the last board meeting...

- Slide deck will no longer include details from reports
 - Unless necessary (e.g., to support a board decision)
- Board meeting minutes will provide high-level summaries
 - No need to duplicate contents of slides or reports
 - Transcripts will be retained as a reference but not published
 - Detailed minutes will still be done for annual meetings

simplify.

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Minutes for board and annual meetings (*approved online*)

Membership report

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current members	64	14	5	83
Members pending renewal	22	2		24
Total	86	16	5	107
Lapsed	-	-		-

A duplicate family member was removed



Leeward Fine Gardening added as a bronze-level sponsor (after cutoff for report)

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Financial Report

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Accounts Balance	\$5,705	Minus restricted grants	●
Projected Income	\$1,710	"	●
Projected Expenses	\$5,949	"	●
Projected Year-End Balance	\$1,409	In the black	●
Projected Year-End Gain	-\$400	Spending beyond our means	●
Variance from Budget	-\$1,074	Well under budget	●
Change in Unrestricted Net Current Assets	\$1,884	In the black	●
Investments	\$24,600	Doing well	●

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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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Upcoming Events

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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Collections Committee

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Ongoing Activities

Committee meeting weekly to work on the MMD Collection

Digital Catalog

- 2018 accessions transcribed
- 2019 accessions in process

Archives	291
Photos	82
Library	515
Artifacts	336
Total	1,224

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



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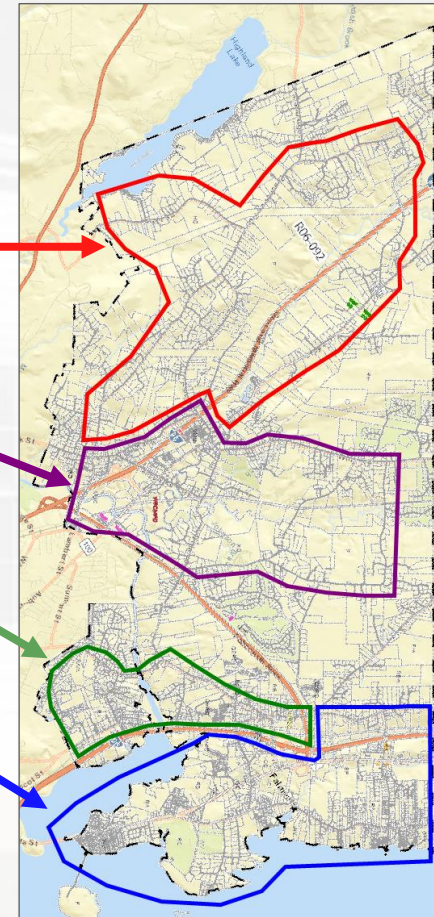
Local History Tours

Village-centered tours

- North Falmouth Village
- West Falmouth Village
- Falmouth Corner + Presumpscot Falls Villages
- New Casco Village (1st)

Historic focus

- Last quarter of 19th century
 - Peak of agriculture
 - Beginning of seasonal playground



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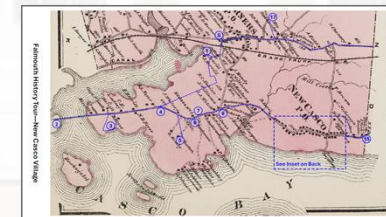
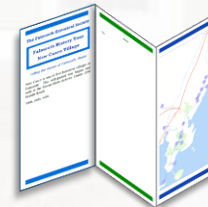
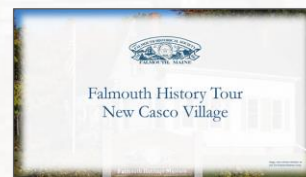
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Local History Tours

Activity	Product
Guided bus tour	Tour guide notes
Narrated slide show	Slide deck + speaker's notes
Self-guided tour	Brochure + downloaded turn-by-turn guide
All	Annotated 1871 map



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Responses to Queries

Conducted research; received/responded

	February	In Process
Collections	-	
Family History	3	3
Property History	2	2
Local History	-	1
Total	5	



Not counting two research projects supporting New Casco Village Tour

- William Merrill House (16 US Route One) 1805 rebuild of Joseph Thompson ca. 1740 house
- George Knight House (236 Foreside Road) built ca. 1743

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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	

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Time to begin working on the spring newsletter

- Feature recently researched historic homes
 - 16 US Route One or 236 Foreside Road or both
 - Common theme is how accessibility of digitized records has opened new avenues for researching property history
- 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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Pending actions on back burner for now

- Replenish Cookbook inventory
- Remove low-demand items from inventory



**THE FALMOUTH
HERITAGE BOOKSTORE**

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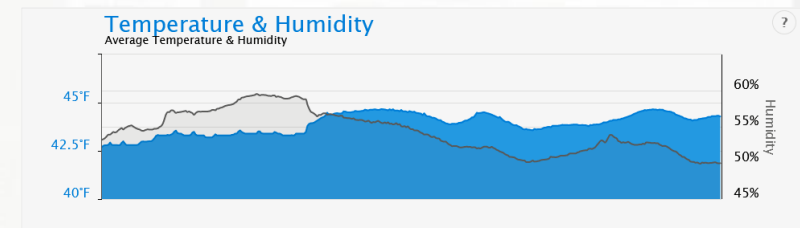
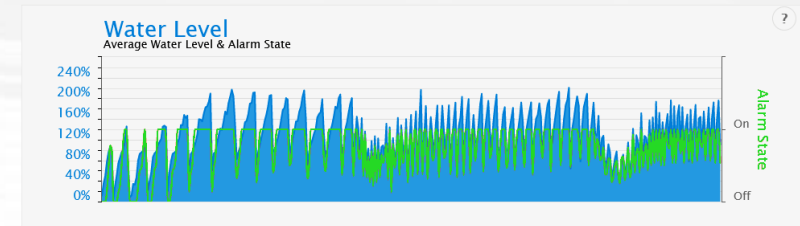
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Museum Sump

- Quiet month

Museum needs water turned
back on before 05/18



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Perkins Family Grants

- Donations in February 2024
— \$1,500 for AY24/FY24
- Scholarships
— 2023 100% funded and 50% disbursed
— 2024 100% funded
— 2025 50% funded
- Support to the Society
— FY24 100% of pledged amount



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