



Work Plan Priorities

FY 2026-2027

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Council Work Plan Focus

The Town spent substantial time and resources completing the Comprehensive Plan and the Climate Action Plan in 2023 and 2024. 2024 was the first year of tackling these items. This continued through the 2025 work plan. This year's Council work plan continued to prioritize the implementation recommendations of both plans, as well as a few new items.

Council- Top Priority Items

- Coordinate with Maine DOT on plans for access management to I-95, I-295, and the Falmouth spur
- Review and consider amendments to the Temporary Signs Ordinance
- Build a rubric for explaining impact to Town and School revenue and costs from various classes of development activity. Incorporate a fiscal impact analysis into the development review process to help the Town make fiscally responsible development decisions.
- Discuss TIF Policy Adoption
- Host public forums to familiarize the public with potential development in Growth Areas at strategic locations
- Update the Towns economic development strategy to define goals
- Flash vote
- Trash/Solid Waste Solution
- Legislative Mandates
- Shoreland Zoning Amendment
- Route 1 Design Guidelines

Council-Led Priority Items

Community Development Committee

- Legislative Mandates (T1)
- Shoreland Zoning Amendment (T1)
- Route 1 Design Guidelines (T1)
- Review current public space requirements for developments to ensure that requirements result in quality open and public space for the community (T2)
- Adopt a low-impact design (LID) standard for stormwater management approaches. (T3)
- Phosphorus Ordinance Review (T3)
- Stormwater Ordinance Amendments to Improve Watershed (T3)

Council-Led Priority Items

Finance Committee

- Build a rubric for explaining impact to Town and School revenue and costs from various classes of development activity. Incorporate a fiscal impact analysis into the development review process to help the Town make fiscally responsible development decisions. (T1)
- Discuss TIF Policy Adoption (T1)
- Evaluate opportunities to strengthen Falmouth's elderly property tax assistance program to improve awareness, access, and participation among eligible senior residents. (T2)
- Consider amending the budget review process (T2)

Ordinance Committee

- Temporary Signs (T1)
- Consider wastewater inflow and infiltration ordinance amendment (T2)
- Storm water utility research and consider ordinance amendment (T3)

Other Priority Items

- Many priority items were referred to staff and Town appointed committees for initial work
- If/when these items are ready for Council action, they will come before the Council in a public meeting and include opportunities for public engagement.

Conservation Commission

- Provide educational materials at appropriate locations regarding invasive species.
- Include as part of the development review process, consideration of pertinent information regarding critical natural areas, including Beginning with Habitat maps.
- Evaluate site assessment requirements, and revise as needed, to help ensure that environmentally sensitive areas are not adversely impacted by new construction.

Sustainability Committee

- Expand Composting and Organics Recycling
- E-waste Drive
- EV Charging Ordinance for new development

Long Range Planning Committee

- Encourage the creation of neighborhoods that cluster a diversity of housing types within walking distance to goods and services in connection to public transportation
- Host public forums to familiarize the public with potential development in Growth Areas at strategic locations
- Update the Towns economic development strategy to define goals

Staff-Led Priorities

- Update the 2016 Bike Ped Plan
- Collaborate with School and Oceanview to create a superfan program
- Complete a multimodal transportation plan that lays out the intersection of vehicular, biking, pedestrian, and mass transit for Falmouth with a list of shovel ready projects as grant and other funding opportunities arise
- Development and Downeaster train station at West Falmouth Shopping Center
- Complete Energy Audits of Government Operations
- Create an educational campaign to support responsible stormwater management and septic system management



Thank You!