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RE: 0 West Falmouth Highway citizen petition

Dear Members of the Falmouth Select Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) to express support for the proposed Citizen Petition to transfer the care and custody of the Town-owned parcels at 0 West Falmouth Highway (Parcel ID 26-04-057A-001 and Parcel ID 26-04-062A-000) to the Falmouth Conservation Commission to be managed, protected, and regulated as conservation land.

Founded in 1968, APCC is the Cape Cod region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, working for the adoption of laws, policies and programs that protect, preserve and restore Cape Cod's natural resources. APCC focuses our efforts on the protection of groundwater, surface water, and wetland resources, preservation of open space, the promotion of responsible, planned growth and the achievement of an environmental ethic.

The parcels in question were acquired by the Town of Falmouth in 1931 as part of the former Weld Estate by vote of Town Meeting to protect the Long Pond Watershed and Forestation. There is strong documentation supporting the town's original intent for this land, in the form of deeds, maps, town meeting records, and other historical documents. Given this clear documentation, APCC supports the petition to formalize the protected status of these parcels by moving them under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission.

We welcome the inclusion of this Citizen Petition in the Falmouth Special Town Meeting warrant this fall.

Sincerely,

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Advocacy Director

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