

Falmouth Public Library Grounds Policy

Falmouth, MA

The Board of Library Trustees has responsibility for the custody and management of the library, and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. The Falmouth Public Library grounds may be used to provide and enhance cultural activities in accordance with this policy.

The Falmouth Public Library grounds, including the historic Main Library Lawn, provides valuable open green space in the downtown area. In order to protect and preserve this asset, additional permanent installations will not be considered. Installations include, but are not limited to, sculptures, benches, historic markers, plantings, and trees. To maintain the open space, trees may be added only as replacements for existing trees that have been removed, or by approval of the Trustees in consultation with the Parks Superintendent/Tree Warden. The benches on the Lawn will be maintained by the Trustees.

A portion of the Falmouth Public Library grounds is maintained by the Falmouth Veterans' Council by mutual agreement with the Trustees. This area includes the Memorial Lane from the Main Street sidewalk and extends 55 feet both east and west of the center line of the Memorial Lane, the monument areas, and their planting areas. The Veterans' Council area is excluded from the Grounds Policy and any requests by the public to use this area will not be considered.

As a historic cultural town property, the Main Library grounds will be made available on an equitable basis to local groups or organizations who request use of the property. All such activities, programs, or exhibits must be open and free of charge to the public. No admission fees or sales of any kind are allowed on the Library grounds with exception of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library Book Sale. Procedures for use of the Main Library grounds can be found on the Library's website and in Exhibit A to this policy. Library Grounds Request forms can be obtained by contacting the Main Library.