



# TOWN OF FALMOUTH

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Mr. Robert B. Davis, General Manager  
Steamship Authority  
228 Palmer Avenue  
Falmouth, MA 02540

Subject: Requests for Assistance and Action

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am writing on behalf of the Falmouth Select Board. At their recent meeting on Monday, June 21, the Board voted to direct this letter of request to you to include multiple items of concern regarding Steamship Authority matters.

Action/assistance is respectfully requested on the following items:

- The Steamship Authority (SSA) is strongly encouraged to continue actively working on the pursuit of grant funding for a comprehensive study of freight operations in furtherance of identifying and embracing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century freight operation.
- Please confirm whether there has been an expressed intention by the City of New Bedford to appoint a representative to the SSA Long-Range Vineyard Transportation Task Force.
- It is recommended that SSA hire a professional planning facilitator to lead the existing Long-Range Vineyard Transportation Task Force. It would be beneficial for all parties to have the assistance of an intermediary.
- The Board continues to register a strenuous objection to the continued operation of the 5:30AM freight boat from Woods Hole. That boat has not been demonstrated to be required for providing adequate transportation of persons and necessities of life to the Vineyard.
- The Board suggests strong consideration for optimization of freight scheduling and loading.

Thank you for your active consideration of these multiple items of concern to the Board. We will await your confirmation and update.

Sincerely,



Julian M. Suso  
Falmouth Town Manager

Cc Falmouth Select Board

Town Counsel Frank Duffy

Kathryn Wilson, Falmouth SSA Representative

Ed DeWitt, Transportation Management Committee

Senator Moran and Legislators Fernandes and Vieira