

## Board Recruitment Information

**Organization:** Falmouth Land Trust

**Location:** Falmouth, Maine

**Mission:** The mission of the Falmouth Land Trust is to preserve and care for natural and agricultural lands in perpetuity, to enhance habitat for plants and wildlife, to advance the quality of life for all in our community, and to educate the public on the history and stewardship of protected lands.

**We Serve:** Falmouth and the greater Portland area

**Key Accomplishments:** Founded in 1981, the Falmouth Land Trust is a private non-profit that cares for 2,700 acres of natural land and some of the 55 miles of trails in Falmouth, Maine. Several of the properties, most notably the 250 acre Blackstrap Hill Preserve, have public access and extensive multi-use trail systems. These lands protect clean air, water, habitat and keep Falmouth healthy and green. In 2023, FLT was officially accredited by The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, the national accrediting body for land trusts. For more information visit our website: <http://www.falmouthlandtrust.org/>

**Benefits of Serving on Board:** Permanently protected open spaces are only available for us to enjoy as long as we put in the work to keep them intact and conserved. It gives a deep sense of satisfaction to see the broad network of properties that exist today because of the work of those who came before us, and because we continue in that effort. Being a Board Member will expose you to this preservation work alongside like-minded individuals who are active in their community.

**Expertise of Board Members:** Backgrounds in leadership, business, law, marketing, finance, information technology, fundraising, and many other fields are valuable to the Trust. Maintaining a good mix of individuals from different backgrounds is one of the goals of the Trust. We presently have a need for expertise in law, fundraising and finance. We encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply and bring their different lived experiences to this work.

**Board Size:** Our bylaws provide for a maximum of 24.

**Meetings:** Full board meets every other month; committees meet monthly.

**Time Commitments:** Three year terms with possible reappointment. Each Board member is expected to join a committee within the organization. These committees cover such matters as stewardship & acquisition, visibility, fundraising/development, governance, etc. The stewardship of our properties is the core mission of the Trust to ensure they are maintained in perpetuity. To that end, each Board member is expected to participate in the annual monitoring of a property. Similarly important is assisting in the procurement of donations, grants, and other material

financial assistance to the Trust. As a Board member you will be expected to contribute to the Trust on an annual basis. Volunteering to support events is another way in which the Board assists the Trust; examples include planning a fundraising event, staffing a booth on election day, leading a walk with the public, or attending a volunteer fair.

**Next Steps:** To obtain additional information and to apply to join the Falmouth Land Trust Board, you may contact any of our officers:

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