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## Falmouth ConCom Votes To Abandon Town-Owned Bogs

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The Falmouth Conservation Commission finalized a decision to abandon three bogs along the Coonamessett River and one bog nearby Flax Pond, during a meeting last Wednesday, March 15. The four bogs are owned by the town.

The bogs include those known as “Reservoir Bog,” “Middle Bog” and “Lower Bog” running north to south along Coonamessett River, as well as the southwest bog associated with Flax Pond.

A bog northeast of Flax Pond was not included in the vote.

The commission determined that the bogs had not been in agricultural use for three of the five immediately preceding years. According to the Falmouth Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Falmouth wetland regulations, that means that the bogs can no longer be used for agricultural purposes.

The commission may take a similar vote on other bogs owned by the town in the future, pending a conversation between commissioners.

The vote, recommended by Falmouth town counsel, provided the green light for continued work on the Coonamessett River restoration project.