



Vicky Lowell

2019 HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENT

Upon moving to Falmouth in 1966, Vicky Lowell became a community activist. She immediately was asked to join the Falmouth League of Women Voters and subsequently served as the League's president in the mid 1970's. She has represented Precinct One in Town Meeting for 42 years.



In 1977, she enrolled in a Boston College program "Women in Political and Governmental Careers." For her internship, she worked with a committee updating the Falmouth Zoning By-laws. This led to her becoming a Planning Board member. During her nine-year tenure, she served as both Secretary and Chairman.

Wanting to further her passion for planning, she commuted to Tufts University to pursue a master's program in Urban and Environmental Policy. She received her degree in 1986 after completing her thesis, "Developing a Management Strategy for the Protection of Estuarine Ponds from Excessive Nutrient Loading."

In 1988, Vicky was elected Barnstable County Commissioner, and in that role, served as an initial member of the Cape Cod Commission. She has served on the boards of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod and The Cape Cod Foundation. She is currently serving on the advisory committee to The Falmouth Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation and as a board member of the Woods Hole Research Center.

In response to the rapid development of Falmouth and to celebrate the Town's approaching Tercentennial, in 1985, Vicky was among the founders and the first president of the 300 Committee Land Trust, which has partnered with the Town to preserve more than 2,400 acres of open space since then. After a multi-year absence, she returned to the 300 Committee board and currently serves as Secretary.

As a Falmouth Hospital trustee, she was actively involved in the 1996 merger of Falmouth and Cape Cod Hospitals and was subsequently elected a trustee of the new Cape Cod Healthcare board. She represented both boards on the Community Benefits Committee, working with other health and human service organizations to assess community needs and coordinate and complement services.

Vicky and her husband, Francis (Pete) Lowell, are enthusiastic cyclists who have experienced parts of Europe, Africa and South America on two wheels. In 2000, they bicycled cross-country with Falmouth friends from the Oregon coast to Woods Hole. Discovering that almost every small town they stopped in along the way had an historical museum or site was a highlight. The couple have two adult children. Joanna lives in Washington, DC; their son, Nicholas, his wife Amy and their two daughters, Margaret and Susanna, live in North Falmouth.

Vicky is a long-time member of the Falmouth Historical Society and says she has had a lot of fun taking part in the Society's annual haunting of the historic Wicks House. In her most recent role, she was cast as the murderous nurse, Jane Tappen.