

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY – Voted March 24, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Falmouth has signed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement (USMCPA) committing to reductions of carbon dioxide emissions to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Falmouth desires to meet – and exceed – the USMCPA's targets; reduce our use of fossil fuels; improve our local economy and quality of life; and advance the preservation of Falmouth and our natural world; its beauty, and its bounty for ourselves, our children and all that follow; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued production of carbon dioxide from fossil fuel combustion is causing an accelerating series of climate changes with substantial and costly impacts and, if unchecked, will soon have significant impacts on Falmouth, our children and human civilization; and

**WHEREAS**, sound investments in improved energy performance and renewable energy supply provide significant benefits to our environment and quality of life, our local economy, and our energy security; offer a sustainable and prosperous future for us and our descendants; and are the fastest, cleanest and most profitable way to reduce fossil fuel use and emissions of carbon dioxide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Falmouth desires to take a leadership position in these regards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Falmouth will realize these goals is a well researched, integrated, broadly supported plan is developed drawing on the wide range of interests and expertise in the town and is implemented by Town Council.

**WHEREAS**, it is believe that at this time an Ad Hoc committee structure will be more flexible than that of a standing committee, and will, the Council believes and intends, create a sense of urgency and importance of this mission, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be replaced by a standing committee to assist in the implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Town Council of Falmouth, Maine, hereby Order the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee, to be known as the Falmouth Green Ribbon Commission on Climate Protection. The Committee shall:

1. Recommend climate protection actions to the Town Council and Town Manager, for the Falmouth community to meet or beat the Kyoto target.
2. The Commission shall draw on the work of other communities, resources within the citizenry of the town, town staff, and others to put together its recommendations.

3. The Commission shall interpret this charge broadly.

4. The Commission shall self organize itself as follows:

a. Initial members shall include members of the group informally known as the citizens's working group. The initial co-chairs for the purpose of organizing shall be Susan Howe and Michael Morrison.

b. The chair or co-chairs shall be schedule, set agendas for, and preside over Commission meetings.

c. Membership is not expected to exceed twenty people.

d. The interim co-chairs shall report back to the Council Nominating Committee no later than thirty days from the date of this order with its recommendations for permanent chairs, and nominations for membership.

e. The Commission shall give consideration in nominating its members to balance background (business leaders, school administrators, members of the faith community, community organizations, energy suppliers, facility managers, and energy performance/renewable energy experts), gender, and age.

f. The Town Clerk shall advertise that the Commission is seeking volunteers for service on the Commission.

5. The Commission shall report back to the Town Council and Town Manager no later than one year from the date of this order. The Committee shall present annually a report and a work plan to the Town Council.

Be it Hereby Ordered, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by the Town Council of the Town of Falmouth, Maine.