

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOR CONTINUING  
THE OPERATION OF THE PLEASANT HILL FIRE STATION AND ENGINE  
THREE THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

**WHEREAS,** The proposed budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 eliminates funding for the operation of the Pleasant Hill Fire Station and reduces the Town 's financial support, in its capital improvement plan, for an inventory of four Class A engines; and

**WHEREAS,** To compensate for this decrease in the Town's delivery of fire protection, the Town Manager and the Fire Chief recommend the following changes to the delivery of such services: that the Town enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Portland designating the City of Portland's Fire Department as automatic responders in the event of a serious emergency in the Pleasant Hill area, and that the Town provide 24/7 paramedic/firefighter service from Engine 2, an increase in service compared to the present service of providing only EMS coverage from Cumberland during the evening shift; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Portland is having significant budgetary problems; they reduced their fire fighters by 14 last year, and are threatening further reductions this year unless their fire fighter's union agrees to a pay freeze; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town has not had the advantage of evaluating the above proposed organizational changes to its public safety program; and

**WHEREAS,** There is a risk that the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood in particular and the Town as a whole will suffer a decrease in fire protection and, if the Pleasant Hill Fire Station is decommissioned, before the Town evaluates the effectiveness of the proposed public safety changes; and

**WHEREAS,** A modest expenditure (\$10,000) will permit the Town to maintain its current level of fire protection and emergency medical assistance for one year, while evaluating the effect of these changes on the delivery of those services to the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood, and the Town as a whole:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Falmouth Town Council assembled this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 that the Town Manager will appropriate \$10,000 from fund balance to finance the operation of the Pleasant Hill Fire Station for the fiscal year 2009-2010. The Town Manager will report to

the Council no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 on the effect of any changes made to the Town's delivery of fire protection and emergency medical assistance.



Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Chairperson Falmouth Town Council