

The Case for Moving the Town Hall offices to the Plummer Building

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Town Hall has served the community well for over 100 years. However, multiple additions have not resolved its challenging space configurations and energy inefficiency. Although some recent improvements have been made, significant investments over the next several years, such as energy upgrades (windows, siding, insulation, roof), interior renovations, and energy controls/ventilation improvements, are unavoidable.

Does it make sense to continue to spend funds on the current Town Hall?

The recent availability of the Plummer building provides for a much better long term investment for the community than the current Town Hall.

The masonry-built Plummer building has a better structure and has more durability than the stick-built Town Hall.

In addition, there is sufficient land available for parking or future additions at the Plummer site compared to the current 1-acre Town Hall site.

It makes sense to locate the Town Hall offices on the same campus as the Town's library and proposed community recreation center. User efficiencies, such as shared meeting spaces and shared technology can be obtained, as well as some shared maintenance efficiency, including shared grounds keeping and shared snow removal.

In addition, the Plummer building will put the Town in a better position to seize regionalization opportunities, such as with Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Dispatch Services, if and when those arise in the future.

Falmouth has continued to grow and its community needs have increased accordingly. It is projected to continue to grow. In the next 15 years Falmouth will have twice as many people living here as 30 years ago.

As the community grows, the infrastructure that is required to support needs to expand accordingly.

Falmouth	Population
1960	5976
1970	6291
1980	6853
1990	7610
2000	10310
2008 est	10724
2025 forecast	13006

The opportunity to create a "Town Center" at Plummer-Motz-Lunt site where the Falmouth community can come together is unprecedented. It preserves history as well as builds a future.

If not seized now, this type of opportunity will not be available for any future generation.