

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING PROJECT – FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Public Comment: October 25, 2010

Adopted: _____

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Town Council directed the ad hoc Community Facilities Planning Committee to conduct a Multiple Community Use Needs and Site Location Analysis to develop coordinated short and long range plans for various Town facilities, including Town Hall, Pleasant Hill Fire Station, the Falmouth Memorial Library, and Plummer-Motz and Lunt schools; and

WHEREAS, the Committee submitted its recommendations to the Town Council in May 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council reviewed, but did not take action on, the Committee's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council decided to conduct its own review of facility needs through a Council Process with the goal of developing consensus; and

WHEREAS, a key indicator of whether or not consensus has been reached, according to the Consensus Building Institute, is that "everyone agrees they can live with the final proposal; that is, after every effort has been made to meet any outstanding interests;" and

WHEREAS, the first step in the Council process is to build consensus on Community Facility Space Needs (i.e. desired floor area, condition, timeframe) for:

- a. Falmouth Memorial Library,
- b. Community Recreation Center,
- c. Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council met with the Falmouth Library Association Board of Trustees on October 18, 2010 to both tour the Falmouth Memorial Library and review the space needs analysis of the library prepared by Mr. Nolan Lushington, consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the Library Board of Trustees reviewed a draft of the 2010 Lushington Report, discussed its findings with Mr. Lushington, and provided opportunity for the public to ask clarifying questions; and

WHEREAS, the draft Lushington Report stated an assignable space need for the next five years for the library of 5,012 square feet and a non-assignable space need of 1,030 square feet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lushington acknowledged that he would have recommended increased space need for the library based on the population and activity of the Falmouth community at the Falmouth Memorial Library, if the political and economic conditions had been more positive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lushington will articulate that need in an addendum to his draft report.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Falmouth Town Council in Town Council assembled, that it determined that there is no additional benchmarking data that needs to be obtained, or peer review conducted, regarding the future space needs of the Falmouth Memorial Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council determined that the Falmouth Memorial Library is in need of a minimum of 5,000 square feet of additional, assignable floor space and a minimum of 1,000 square feet in non-assignable space; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Lushington anticipates the need of the Falmouth Memorial Library for additional, assignable floor space under normal economic conditions to be greater than 5,000 square feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the space needs of the Falmouth Memorial Library may be reduced depending on potential space sharing with other community facilities, such as a Community Recreation Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the next step in the Council process is for the Council and Library Trustees to review site options for the Falmouth Memorial Library and determine best possible locations with an emphasis on addressing space needs, access, land use planning and community development, cost and other factors deemed important by the Council and Trustees.

Adopted by the Falmouth Town Council on _____, at its regular meeting.

Town Clerk: _____ Dated: _____