

**FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING PROJECT – COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

Public Comment: _____

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 approved a resolution on space needs for the Falmouth Memorial Library on November 8, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council reviewed a presentation on space needs for a Community Recreation Center from Community Programs Director Lucky D'Ascanio on November 8, 2010 and provided opportunity for the public to ask clarifying questions; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director stated that the community center concept has been discussed for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director stated that the current community programs budgets are mostly self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director stated there are many programs that the department could offer with additional space; and

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WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director recommended a space need between a minimum 8,000 square feet and a maximum of 18,065 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director provided a proposed break down for the use of the stated space needs; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director recommended that any design plans need to reserve space for future expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director stated that there is the potential for other tenants to share space at a Community Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Community Programs Director provided an overview of the community services offered by neighboring municipalities; and

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 for a Community Recreation Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council determined that the minimum floor area for a Community Recreation Center is 8,000 square feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council determined that the maximum floor area for a Community Recreation Center is 18,065 square feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of space to be provided for a Community Recreation Center may be adjusted based on the most suitable location and available funding for such a center; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Community Recreation Center should have sufficient room to expand, if such was deemed desired by a future Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the next step in the Council process is for the Council to review site options for a Community Recreation Center 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.

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

Town Clerk: _____ Dated: _____