

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

FALMOUTH FOOD PANTRY – 2011 CDBG PLANNING GRANT

Draft: January 5, 2011

Adopted: _____

WHEREAS, the Falmouth Food Pantry has operated continuously since 1982; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Food Pantry is to provide food supplies and household items to any family or individual in need in Falmouth and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the Falmouth Town Council gave permission in 2008 for the Food Pantry to occupy 475 sq. ft. of Town Hall space rent-free; and

WHEREAS, the Falmouth Food Pantry became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2008 and has, since then, attracted additional volunteers, began record keeping, started organizing community suppers, expanded its opening hours and food offerings, started a community speaking program, and gained a presence on the Town's website; and

WHEREAS, the client list of the Food pantry has grown from 35 families in 2008 to 225 families in 2010; and

WHEREAS, over 50% of the Food Pantry's clients are from Falmouth, but also come from Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Pownal, Portland, and Westbrook as many people prefer not to visit food pantries in their own community; and

WHEREAS, the Falmouth Food Pantry is now in urgent need of more and better functioning space in order to meet its clients' needs in the most efficient manner possible; and

WHEREAS, the Food Pantry proposes a renovation of 475 sq. ft. of existing space and a new addition of approximately 325 sq. ft. to improve ADA accessibility, increase operating space, attain a better flow of space, make its operations more efficient, and afford confidentiality and physical comfort for its clients; and

WHEREAS, a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Planning Grant may be available from Cumberland County to assist in the programming, concept design and feasibility analysis of such a renovation/expansion; and

WHEREAS, such a grant would help to develop a cost-effective plan, obtain required approvals, and solicit private financial and in-kind support from the community for actual construction; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires Town of Falmouth sponsorship, but does not require any matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yarmouth has been approached to act as a co-sponsor to this 2011 CDBG Planning Grant application; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Falmouth Town Council in Town Council assembled, that it determined that the Food Pantry provides a valuable community service and is in need of renovation and expansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Falmouth Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to apply for a 2011 CDBG Planning Grant for the described purposes in the amount of \$ 6,000.

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

Town Clerk: _____ Dated: _____