

Greater Portland Economic Development Corporation (GPEDC) Update

January 20, 2011

In October 2010, the Falmouth Town Council authorized the Town Manager to join in the further development and incorporation of the Greater Portland Economic Development Corporation (GPEDC) to economic development opportunities for Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland, and Westbrook.

The first "official" meeting of the GPEDC took place on January 11, 2011. The by-laws and articles of incorporation were adopted and 501(c)(6) status was selected as the preferred IRS status.

The Town of Falmouth now needs to select an official municipal representative to the corporation.

There are several options for this:

- a. Elected official representative (Town Councilor)
- b. Town Manager
- c. Director of Long-Range Planning
- d. Other (such as chair of Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee or other)

Theo Holtwijk, Director of Long-Range Planning has represented the Town of Falmouth in an interim capacity on the GPEDC.

In addition, the GPEDC is looking to fill board openings for private board members.

There are ten (10) openings on the GPEDC Board for representatives from the following industries: Marketing, Legal, Energy, Healthcare, Information Technology, Bio Tech, Precision Manufacturing, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate, Retail, Hospitality, and/or Arts and Culture.

If any Councilors has a suggestion for private board members from the region, they should complete the attached form and send it to Nathan Poore ASAP. Note: Nominations from Falmouth do not need to be for Falmouth residents.

The GPEDC will meet again to review an initial list on February 1st.

PRIVATE SECTOR NOMINATION FORM

Name:

(Last)

(First)

Company/
Sector:

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone:

(Home)

(Work)

(Fax)

Email Address:

Reason for recommendation:
