

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S SUBMISSION OF
MAINE FOREST SERVICE GRANT
MARCH 28, 2011**

WHEREAS the Falmouth Town Council is aware that the Middle School heating system is currently provided by two 50+ year old oil fueled steam boilers; and

WHEREAS the Falmouth Town Council is fully supportive of the School Department's goal of providing alternative energy sources for the School campus, when upgrades are determined necessary and when cost saving are a result; and

WHEREAS this goal would be achieved by converting the Middle School to a wood-heat system; and

WHEREAS, the Falmouth School Department has successfully converted from oil to wood chip energy at both the Falmouth High School (Spring 2010) and the new Falmouth Elementary School (occupancy fall 2011) replacing over 100,000 gallons of oil use at a cost savings projected at \$230,000 per year; and

WHEREAS the Falmouth Town Council is aware that, by converting the Middle School to a wood-heat energy system, oil consumption for the school will decrease by 53,000 gallons annually resulting in a projected additional annual savings of \$115,000; and

WHEREAS the projected annual savings from the Falmouth Middle School wood-heat conversion would cover the cost of any borrowing that may be necessary; and

WHEREAS the wood-heat project has the potential to heat other municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS the Town of Falmouth has successfully implemented a sustainable forest management plan of several Town owned properties which produce wood chips for sale to wood chip providers in Maine; and

WHEREAS the Falmouth Green Ribbon Commission report, accepted by the Town Council in July 2010 supports the use of renewable energy solutions for School and Town public buildings.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Falmouth Town Council assembled this 28th day of March, 2011, that the Town Council fully supports the School Department's submission of a Maine Forest Service grant application seeking up to \$500,000 to support design and construction of a Falmouth Middle School wood-chip boiler facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council will support and assist the School department in seeking additional funding for the difference between the total cost of the project and the grant proceeds received.

Approved this 28th day of March, 2011.

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk

Tony Payne
Chairman Falmouth Town Council