

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
FALMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS the Falmouth School District has won recognition for excellence once again, this time for its environmental showcase, the new Falmouth Elementary School;

WHEREAS the leaders of the school listened to a student's suggestion for energy-savings that ultimately resulted in a wood-fired boiler system that heats both the elementary school and the high school and has already saved the school district thousands of dollars in energy costs;

WHEREAS Oak Point Associates designed the school to educate and remind students about the environment around them through green roofs and the central themes of grasses, water and woodlands depicted on guardrail panels, floors and walls;

WHEREAS the school is expected to earn the prestigious LEEDS Silver Certification for its many sustainable features including building orientation that optimizes daylighting; renewable energy technology, specifically geothermal, biomass and solar; vegetated roofs, and a rain water collection system used in flushing toilets;

WHEREAS the Falmouth Recycling and Energy Committee commended those who worked on the project from 2006-2012: School Superintendent Barbara Powers; Director of Finance & Operations Dan O'Shea; Oak Point Associates; the Falmouth School Boards led by Chairpersons Bepie Cerf and Beth Franklin; and the members of the Building Advisory Committee, led by Chairpersons Mark Terison and Karen Farber;

WHEREAS the Falmouth Recycling and Energy Committee in its nomination papers for an ecomaine Eco-excellence Award described the new school as " a wonderful example of what happens when townspeople, school staff and building professionals get behind the idea of building an environmentally friendly school;"

WHEREAS ecomaine gave the Falmouth School District its Eco-excellence Community Award in 2012 for their outstanding contribution to ecological preservation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Falmouth Town Council assembled this 30th day of May, 2012, that the Falmouth School District and community members who participated in the design and building of the Falmouth Elementary School are herewith recognized and congratulated by this Council on behalf of the citizens of Falmouth for winning the ecomaine Eco-excellence Award and for all the efforts leading up to the award.

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk

Teresa Pierce
Chair, Falmouth Town Council