



TOWN OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION OPPOSING FALMOUTH REFERENDUM QUESTION #1

WHEREAS, Falmouth Referendum Question #1 on the November 6, 2012 ballot asks voters to require the Falmouth Town Council to withdraw from the Greater Portland Transit District, known as METRO, as of December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has approved the funding of METRO bus service in the town of Falmouth for eight years, from 2004 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, METRO Bus Routes #7 and #6 provide transportation to Falmouth residents unable to, or who choose not to, drive offering them increased independence in travel; and

WHEREAS, METRO Bus Routes #6 and #7 promote economic development in Falmouth by providing transportation to employees and customers of Falmouth businesses; and

WHEREAS, METRO Bus Routes #6 and #7 provide transportation to Falmouth commuters, reducing energy use and ill-effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of bus service in Falmouth is less than one-third of one percent of the town's annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Falmouth has made a commitment since 2009 to be a full partner with the cities of Portland and Westbrook in the Greater Portland Transit District, known as METRO

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Falmouth Town Council assembled this 10th day of October, 2012 that that the Falmouth Town Council officially opposes Falmouth Referendum Question #1 on the November 6, 2012 ballot that would end METRO bus service..

Approved this 10th day of October, 2012.

Faith Varney, Council Chair