



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION

Adopt Climate Action Plan

- WHEREAS,** The Town of Falmouth has been engaged in climate action planning work for several years including the signing of the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement in 2007, the 2010 Energy and Climate Protection "Green Ribbon" Report, and the 2018 Municipal and School Department Energy and Sustainability Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 12, 2021, the Town Council approved a resolution which outlined the development of a Climate Action Plan that assessed and addressed community vulnerabilities, established priorities for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and developed a strategic plan to achieve these targets; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 25, 2022, the Council expressed support for the new emissions reduction targets proposed by the Climate Action Planning Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** the Maine Climate Council is currently underway with their revision process of Maine Won't Wait, with delivery of the updated plan set for December 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** the Towns of Freeport, Yarmouth, Brunswick, Bath, Cape Elizabeth, and North Yarmouth are working to develop Climate Action Plans, joining Portland and South Portland; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and has secured two grants that address community climate impacts; and
- WHEREAS,** Town staff has been working with GPCOG for the past two years on development of the Climate Action Plan, involving stakeholders, technical experts, department heads, the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee (REAC), Conservation Commission, and the Climate Action Planning Committee as well as community members through workshops and surveys; and
- WHEREAS,** the plan was developed to include both broad yet targeted strategies to improve climate change resilience for municipal operations, schools, businesses and residents; and

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WHEREAS, the updated Comprehensive Plan will be the Town's guiding planning document; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan includes many important strategies and action items that will align with and are complementary to the goals established by the community in the Comprehensive Plan and will assist the Town in accomplishing such goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023, THAT:

1. The Town Council has reviewed the Climate Action Plan and its recommended strategies and actions.
2. The Town Council supports the plan, but not necessarily every recommended action, and does not yet commit to the allocation of funding that will be required to implement specific initiatives or actions outlined in the plan.
3. The Town Council will rely on the Sustainability Coordinator and the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee to prioritize and coordinate implementation of the action items with approval from the Council. The Committee will provide regular updates to the Town Council on its progress in implementing the plan.
4. The Town Council recognizes that the plan will be viewed as a "living" document with yearly updates that tie to new research, modeling, technology, and infrastructure improvements and any significant revisions made to the plan will be approved by the Council.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____