



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION

Municipal Facilities Project

WHEREAS, the Public Works Building, Central Fire Station, and West Fire Station require replacement and/or renovation to ensure professional, functional, modern building code compliance, and secure workplaces that will allow continued levels of public safety that residents currently enjoy; and

WHEREAS, all three facilities have age-related issues, require upgrades to meet the changing needs of staff, the community and the professions, have security and safety concerns, are not energy efficient, and pose challenging work environments for staff; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly competitive labor market, modern facilities equipped for the functionality of current professional standards are necessary to attract and retain staff, including training rooms, individual offices, computer workstations, bunk rooms, bathrooms/showers, break rooms; and

WHEREAS, Central Fire Station and West Fire Station are the two primary stations that include work area for equipment, training, offices, administration and 24/7 coverage; and

- Central Fire Station was originally constructed in 1976 with an addition and renovation in 2007 for a volunteer fire department
- West Fire Station was constructed in 1980 for a volunteer fire department and was not built to house staff; and
- Pleasant Hill and Foreside Stations and apparatus have mostly been consolidated into Central and West Stations to improve operational efficiency; and
- Increased call volume, growth in community, increased EMS calls, and decreased availability of call and volunteer firefighters; and
- An expanded mission to include water and off-road rescue (trails), public education, and response to more frequent and severe storms, required the transition from a call department with more than 100 call members to a combination department with 37 full-time, 8 part-time, and 15 call Firefighter-EMS providers; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Building was constructed in 1969 as a maintenance garage with office space added in 1999, and was not designed for current staffing needs, functionality, equipment storage, and modern safety and security features; and

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- Significant space constraints include lack of server room, inadequate file storage, shared office spaces, limited maintenance and shop capacity, and inefficient equipment storage; and
- Staff duties and mission have evolved to include increased attention and time to: stormwater management, commercial and site inspections, capital improvement project development, increased fleet maintenance, solid waste and recycling management and oversight, planning board development and review, infrastructure inspections, GIS/asset management, traffic calming strategies, and bicycle and pedestrian planning; and
- Growth in the community impacting Town departments, fleets, and facilities, and the severity and frequency of severe storms events have increased staff workload; and

WHEREAS, constructing a new garage as part of Central Station project provides Falmouth Parks and Community Programs with a much needed modernized garage to replace an aging facility and alleviate constraints associated with current shared storage within the Little League Snack Shack, and

WHEREAS, renovated or new Fire/EMS and Public Works facilities would provide for much needed improvements in safety for staff and public, additional office and training space, bunk rooms, fitness rooms, additional restroom and shower facilities, improved kitchen areas, expanded storage areas, specialized and safe clean rooms for hazardous chemical exposures, larger bays to house all and more modern equipment, better traffic flow on site, sustainable construction, improved energy efficiencies, and expanded space for Parks storage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2025, THAT:

1. The Falmouth Town Council supports moving these projects forward for additional design, funding strategies, and community outreach and input in preparation for a potential bond referendum in November 2025 to fund the construction and/or renovation of these facilities.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____