

DIV. II-2-3-12. ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Sec. 2-148. Establishment and purpose.

There is hereby established a Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee (FEIC) consisting of up to seven (7) members serving without pay to be appointed by the town council pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3261. The term of office is three (3) years.

Definition(s): **Economic development**

means the retention and expansion of jobs in Falmouth in a manner consistent with these ordinances and current town ordinances.

Purpose/goals/charge:

The Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee (FEIC) shall:

1. Encourage and promote economic development within the town consistent with other ordinances and policies.
2. Undertake and support activities aimed at enhancing the economic well-being of the community by the promotion of a sustainable economy which will retain and create quality employment opportunities and a broadened tax base for the town and its residents.
3. Provide advisory assistance to the town manager and town council for matters pertaining to economic development including but not limited to policy development, strategic planning, and land use.
4. Develop guidelines and recommendations in such areas related to economic development including but not limited to business retention, business attraction, workforce development, the development of infrastructure necessary to support economic growth, redevelopment, and business development.
5. Work with other public and private entities and staff to promote the economic well being of the community and perform such other functions as may be appropriate to achieve such goals.
6. Assist the town council with implementation of the 2015 Economic Development Strategy for the town, and review this plan every three (3) years.
7. Participate in regional economic development efforts.

Sec. 2-149. Membership: Appointment, term, quorum, committee action, makeup.

1. All appointments shall be three-year, staggered terms.
2. A quorum consists of the majority of the number of members appointed by the council to serve at that time. (Example, if the committee has five members, a quorum requires three members to be present. If the committee includes six or seven members, a quorum of four members is required.) The minimum quorum to conduct business shall consist of three members.
3. A minimum of three affirmative votes is required for any committee action.
4. The make up of the committee shall strive to include at a minimum one (1) representative from each of the following groups:
 - Rt. 1 Business Rep from zone VC-1, VC-2 or BP
 - Rt. 100 Business Rep from zone VMU, WFCMPD or MUC
 - Falmouth Cumberland Community Chamber
 - Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC)
5. A minimum of four (4) members shall have a business background.

6. The town council, at its annual organizational meeting, shall appoint a council liaison to this committee.