Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee

Establishment and purpose

There is hereby established an Economic Improvement Committee (EIC) consisting of 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 economic improvement committee (EIC) 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) Develop an economic development plan for the town, submit to the town council for approval, and review this plan every three (3) years.
(7) Participate in regional economic development efforts.

Membership: Appointment, term, makeup

(1) Beginning upon enactment by the town council, seven (7) members shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the calendar year 2010 until December 31, 2010. Of these seven (7) initial members, two (2) members shall be appointed for one-year terms; two (2) members shall be appointed for two-year terms; and three (3) members shall be appointed for three-year terms, all commencing on January 1, 2011. All appointments thereafter shall be three-year terms.
(2) The make up of the committee shall at a minimum consist of one (1) representative from each of the following groups:
    a) Rt. 1 Business Rep from zone SB1 or BP
    b) Rt. 100 Business Rep from zone VMU, WFCMPD or MUC
    c) Falmouth Chamber of Commerce
    d) Falmouth Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee
(3) A minimum of four (4) members shall have a business background.
(4) The town council, at its annual organizational meeting, shall appoint a council liaison to this committee.