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To: Falmouth Town Council

From: Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee

RE: Position Statement

Date: September 19, 2018

The Town of Falmouth is fortunate to have a great number of hardworking and civic-minded people who own and/or represent diverse businesses who want to be an integral and collaborative part of the community. They are committed to doing business in Falmouth, they are important to our local economy and tax base, and they contribute their resources generously to our community.

The Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee (FEIC) is aware of ongoing discussions on business and residential growth in our community. However, it has become clear that, in recent months, some residents see this growth as detrimental to the town. The FEIC encourages all those interested in opening, maintaining, and expanding business activities in Falmouth to actively pursue these efforts.

Through the well-established public process, in concert with the 2013
Comprehensive Plan, each project will be vetted and reviewed. Yet, we continually see push back for new projects and criticism of individuals who want to improve our community through the development of retail, commercial, and other business projects, combining residential and business efforts. It is important to note that the FEIC is not recommending that any proposed project receive "special" consideration, but rather that all projects are afforded an opportunity for a fair review process.

Falmouth's businesses have been a welcomed and engaged part of our collective community and the Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee hopes that this strong engagement continues.