



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION
Tercentennial Celebration

- Whereas,** the Town Council established the Ad-hoc Tercentennial Committee in 2015 to recommend and facilitate events to mark the 300th anniversary of Falmouth’s incorporation, in keeping with the Town’s history of marking these milestones with community celebrations, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and the Route 1 Vision Plan ; and
- Whereas,** the Committee, through monthly meetings, research into other communities commemorative celebrations, meetings with stakeholders, and public forums and surveys, determined that there was support and enthusiasm among community stakeholders and residents to commemorate Falmouth’s 300th anniversary via a town-wide, multi-generational, all-inclusive series of events and activities taking place throughout 2018; and
- Whereas,** the Committee gathered information and data on costs associated with key events, identified funding sources and drafted a preliminary budget; and
- Whereas,** in May, 2016, the Town Council accepted and approved the Committee’s preliminary recommendations that 1. the Committee serve as the umbrella organization under which a larger town-wide, year long, commemoration of Falmouth300 is organized, promoted, and marketed by maintaining a part-time Tercentennial Coordinator who will assist the Committee with its organization and implementation; 2. create a collaborative history of Falmouth project; and 3. organize 5-7 commemorative events or activities including community-oriented celebratory events as well as events that attract visitors from elsewhere for greater economic impact; and
- Whereas,** the Committee seeks to “Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Invest in the Future” with a broad range of events that will focus on Falmouth’s history, encourage community spirit and civic pride, and generate economic impact for our businesses and non-profit organizations; and
- Whereas,** in support of these goals, the Committee has begun to plan events for the incorporation year, including setting dates and locations; and
- Whereas,** in order to secure locations, advertise events, seek sponsorships, and engage vendors the committee needs support for their proposed budget before the final town budget is approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2017, THAT:

The Town Council hereby supports the budget as presented by the Tercentennial Committee but reserves the right to modify the budget prior to the final Fiscal Year 2018 budget order, scheduled in April, 2017.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____