



**TOWN OF FALMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO 16-2020**

**An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances
To create a Community Wellness Committee**

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Falmouth, Maine in Town Council assembled, that the Falmouth Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Wellness Committee. The Community Wellness Committee shall replace the previous Human Services Committee.

Appointment, terms, officers

1. The Town Council shall appoint a committee of up to eleven (11) members who shall serve without pay.
2. Of these eleven (11) initial members, three (3) members shall be appointed for one-year terms; four (4) members shall be appointed for two-year terms; and four (4) members shall be appointed for three-year terms, all commencing on January 1, 2020. All appointments thereafter shall be three-year terms. Members shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified.
3. The committee shall annually choose one (1) of its own members to serve as chairperson and one (1) to serve as vice-chairperson.
4. The town council shall appoint a council liaison to this committee.

Meetings, reports

- 1 The committee shall meet as necessary, with the chair, or vice chair in his/her absence, having the authority to schedule meetings.
- 2 All members shall be voting members.

- 3 A quorum will be required to do business shall be a majority of the number of members appointed by the Council.
- 4 The committee shall report to the town council once annually and more frequently at the request of the council.
- 5 The committee shall prepare and submit an annual proposed work plan for review, input and approval from the town council.

Powers and duties

1. Determine best strategies and practices to inform and promote wellness for individuals, families, and the community of Falmouth as a whole, such as creating a wellness resource guide and/or creating an annual wellness event;
2. Educate and engage the public around available wellness resources, including existing resources (such as the schools, community programs, open space, and area businesses and nonprofits)
3. Respond to relevant and current challenges and opportunities that impact our wellbeing as a community;
4. Evaluate, develop and continue to implement the Town's annual grant-making program to dispense town funds to area social service agencies.

The majority of the committee shall consist of:

- Falmouth residents
- Falmouth business owners who provide wellness services in Falmouth

The committee may have representatives from the following:

- Falmouth Schools
- Parks and Community Programs
- Public Safety Departments
- Falmouth Memorial Library

Attest: _____

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk
July 22, 2019