

Resolution No 50-2016



**TOWN OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS,** in 2007 the Town joined over 1000 towns and cities nationwide in signing the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which included a pledge to reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions by 7% from 1990 levels by 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** The Town's Green Ribbon Commission conducted an emissions analysis and offered recommendations to reduce emissions in their Climate Protection Plan, which was accepted by the Falmouth Town Council in 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, the Council established the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee, a standing committee whose charge included implementation of the Climate Protection Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town's 2013 Comprehensive Plan incorporates objectives regarding land preservation, multi-modes of transportation and other initiatives that focus on sustainability, and calls for the development of an energy plan for the municipality and school department to be updated annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the municipality and school department are developing a Town Energy and Sustainability Plan with measurable strategies to keep the Town accountable in meeting its goal of reducing annual emissions by 2% per year, as outlined in the Climate Protection Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** in December, 2015, at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), or COP21, the President of the United States and his Administration are scheduled to participate in an international discussion that will focus on reducing global carbon emissions and keeping global warming below 2°C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH, that the Town Council hereby urges the President of the United States and his Administration to commit to reducing carbon emissions at the national and global level at COP21 in December, 2015. Let it be known that Falmouth is already pursuing local policies and programs to reduce carbon emissions, but more action is needed at the state, federal and international level to meet the challenges of climate disruption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Council requests the Chair to submit a letter to the President of the United States to convey this message on behalf of the Council.

Approved

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Date: _____