

Vision and Values Community Survey Themes - suggested by Community members via Discussion Post #1 on Vision and Values Portal

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Falmouth in 2020

Falmouth's strengths as a community

Current challenges and threats facing Falmouth as a community

Impact of COVID on community now and into future

Falmouth in the Future

Changes needed in Falmouth looking out to the future

What does Falmouth want to be known for in the future

Falmouth 10 years from now

Falmouth 20 years from now

Top 3 challenges to address in coming years and how

Top 3 changes that would improve quality of life in Falmouth and how

Social Equity

Inclusivity and Diversity - including race, gender, religion and socio-economic class

Attracting under-represented communities to reside in Falmouth

Fiscal

How to grow property tax base to support the town

Transportation

Improvement of public transportation

Traffic congestion

Walkability and importance of sidewalks, bike lanes, paths and signage

Commercial Use

Creating 'town center' and where should it be created

Creation of commercial area for retail

Attracting businesses to Falmouth

Community resources - likes, dislikes and what is lacking

Tourism for Falmouth in the future

Open Space

Commitment to and preservation of Open Space

Preservation/creation of public spaces and projects to foster community in future

Rating of Falmouth on protection of natural resources

Connection of open spaces and Falmouth land trust trails

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Housing

- Amount of residential growth and whether focused in one area or spread across Falmouth
- Expansion of affordable housing
- Commercial developments and green zone between residential areas
- Zoning that allows multifamily housing in single family house neighborhoods
- Areas of Falmouth that should be zones for development, which are not currently
- Creating community accommodation for seniors
- Falmouth's value on varied housing stock

Town Management - Leadership

- Falmouth leadership and perpetuating vision of leadership in the future
- Town government and representation of residents values
- Most important thing that Town Council should be working on now
- How to encourage community members to serve as Councilors
- Continuing to attract the best in town management
- Tax payers receiving good value municipal services
- Tax Impact and increase over the next 10 years
- Importance of Falmouth's administrative costs in line with Maine towns of similar size

Previous community surveys and results

Environmental Issues and developments

- Sustainable development
- Banning of plastic bags
- Electric charging stations
- Litter reduction
- Community Garden

Site Specific

- The future of Route 88
- Enhancement of Town Landing area

General and Overarching Themes

- Health Care
- Education
- Food Security
- Employment Opportunities
- Climate Change
- Protection of Falmouth's character
- Where residents stand on a continuum between lifestyle choices that help guide choices