

# Town of Falmouth Growth-Density Evaluation Forum

Lunt Auditorium at Oceanview, 74 Lunt Road, Falmouth  
Thursday, November 15, 2018 , 7:00pm to 9:00pm

## About the Forum

The primary purpose of the Forum is to hear residents' concerns relative to growth, density, and residential zoning as requested by Falmouth Town Council in April, 2018.

After brief introductory remarks by Council Chair Caleb Hemphill, participants will be asked to respond to a very broad question: "What's on your mind regarding residential development in Falmouth?" All ideas will be put on the wall and organically organized into general categories. Then we will have a facilitated discussion, category by category, in which participants will have a chance to share praises, concerns, and hopes.

Unlike a public hearing where one comment is heard after another, often disconnected and in somewhat random order, this will be more of a discussion on one topic at a time. We intend to give the facilitator some leeway in managing the discussion and focusing our attention on one topic at a time. The initial brainstorming will give us a good indication of what topics are most popular and we will start with those.

So that the meeting is inclusive, efficient, and productive, it will be professionally facilitated by Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions. Craig will identify themes as we go and those will be included in a report of the meeting prepared by town staff and available to the public.

## Agenda

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| 7:00 | <b>Opening</b><br>Town Council Chair Caleb Hemphill will briefly explain what led up to this forum and what next steps will likely happen after the forum. Facilitator Craig Freshley will explain the meeting format and a few simple ground rules.  |
| 7:15 | <b>All Ideas in Brief</b><br>Craig will ask: "What's on your mind regarding residential development in Falmouth?" Participants will paraphrase answers on papers with markers and we will put them all up on the wall. We will organize them into categories.   |
| 7:45 | <b>Topic-by-Topic Discussions</b><br>Beginning with the most popular topics, Craig will ask additional questions and draw out what's really bugging people about growth and density, and what people like. In some cases he will actually "interview people" to make sure we really understand the points being made. |
| 8:45 | <b>Themes and Thanks</b><br>Craig will offer a quick summary of the major themes heard throughout the evening and Chairman Hemphill will thank participants and organizers.   |
| 9:00 | <b>Adjourn</b>  |