



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION
Carbon Fee and Dividend Fossil Fuel Pricing Legislation

- WHEREAS,** in 2010, the Falmouth Town Council adopted the Climate Protection Plan, developed by the Town's Green Ribbon Commission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- WHEREAS,** on November 26, 2018, the Town Council unanimously resolved to accept the 2018 Municipality and School Town Energy and Sustainability Plan which included broad strategies for municipal operations, schools, businesses, residents, and the region to keep the Town accountable in meeting its goal of reducing annual emissions by 2% per year; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town has been actively working to implement the emissions-reducing strategies from the 2010 and 2018 plans, including switching to LED streetlights, development of a solar array to cover 70% of Town electric use, and ongoing waste reduction efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission have examined a Carbon Fee and Dividend Fossil Fuel Pricing approach, which would charge producers for pollution associated with burning fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas) and rebates the net revenues collected to all citizens or legal residents on an equitable basis, as an emissions reduction approach; and
- WHEREAS,** such a federal-level legislative approach may decrease fossil-fuel dependence throughout the economy, reduce air pollution and carbon emissions, benefit the household budgets of energy consumers, and keep local energy dollars in Maine's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** to date 23 municipalities in Maine have endorsed recommending to the Maine's federal legislators this Carbon Fee and Dividend approach; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 4, 2021, the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee unanimously voted to support recommending to the Maine's federal legislators this Carbon Fee and Dividend approach; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 3, 2021, the Conservation Commission voted to support recommending to the Maine's federal legislators this Carbon Fee and Dividend approach; and

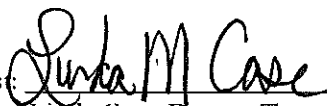
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WHEREAS, the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission ask the Falmouth Town Council to support this Carbon Fee and Dividend fossil fuel pricing approach to show local support to elected representatives at the Federal level to develop and enact legislation to that effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021, THAT:

The Falmouth Town Council does hereby agree to the following:

- Call upon Maine's Federal elected representatives to develop and enact a carbon fee to speed the transition to clean energy sources and to protect Maine from the increasing costs and environmental risks (including floods, droughts, unprecedented wind storms, etc.) associated with climate change.

Attest:  Date: September 16, 2021
Linda Case, Deputy Town Clerk