Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mark Hutker
Town/Village: Cataumet
Submission Date/Time: 6/3/2024 1:05 PM
via online form

Comment

I am writing in full support of the Upper Cape YMCA project. The YMCA provides deep caring and supportive programming into the communities they enter. The building is designed to facilitate persons of all ages and walks of life. Everyone is welcome at the Y.

The facility's design responds to years of careful work with the community, defining the major needs and then providing spaces of support and welcoming. The pool, exercise spaces, education spaces, children, adolescent, gym, running track and locker facilities all will support vital wellness activities for our populace.

This project also embeds Community Health Care. CHC now cares for over 25,000 individuals in our community, nearly 1 in 5 Upper Cape Cod residents

Beyond health care services (primary care, dental, behavioral health , vision, gynecology, walk-in care), CHC provides “wrap around” assistance to address barriers to health, including:

o Assistance with Food and Housing insecurity (ie. through vouchers)

o Insurance enrollment assistance

o Assistance with veterans benefits

o Care management and navigation

Programming such as the above in and in collaboration with the YMCA can have immeasurable impacts on our community’s health.

the YMCA and CHC offer programming that is accessible for ALL in our community, including those most vulnerable financially. Our organizations provide services on sliding scale based on ability to pay.

Both the YMCA and Health Center missions are also focused on improved access for all and, as a result, reduced health disparities among populations of color, or those with other barriers such as language or other social determinants.

So many reasons this is a perfect project and now is the time.

Mark A. Hutker FAIA

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Anne Pride
Town/Village: Falmouth, MA
Submission Date/Time: 6/3/2024 5:32 PM
via online form

Comment

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the establishment of a new YMCA in Falmouth. Our community has long needed a dedicated space where residents of all ages can come together to improve their health, engage in recreational activities, and foster a stronger sense of community. The proposed YMCA will address these needs and serve as an invaluable asset to Falmouth.

A community center such as the YMCA is essential for fostering social cohesion and providing a safe, inclusive environment where individuals and families can engage in a variety of activities. The YMCA's commitment to serving a wide demographic means that everyone from young children to seniors will find programs tailored to their needs. This inclusivity will help ensure that all members of our community can benefit from the services and facilities offered.

One of the standout features of the new YMCA is the aquatics center. This facility will provide significant benefits across multiple demographics. For seniors, the aquatics center offers low-impact exercise opportunities that are perfect for maintaining mobility and cardiovascular health. Water aerobics and swimming can help alleviate joint pain and improve overall fitness without the strain of high-impact exercises.

For competitive swimmers, the aquatics center will be a game-changer. It will provide a state-of-the-art facility where they can train and hone their skills. This could lead to greater success in competitions and provide a source of local pride and inspiration. Furthermore, for young children, learning to swim is not only a fun activity but also a critical life skill. The aquatics programs at the YMCA will ensure that our youngest residents develop strong swimming abilities and water safety knowledge, setting the foundation for a lifetime of healthy activity.

In addition to the aquatics center, the on-site wellness center will be a tremendous boost to those recovering from illness or surgeries. The comprehensive wellness programs will support physical rehabilitation, mental health, and overall well-being. Access to specialized equipment and professional guidance will facilitate smoother and more effective recovery processes, helping individuals return to their daily lives more quickly and with better outcomes.

The establishment of a new YMCA in Falmouth represents a significant investment in the health and well-being of our community. It will create a hub for social interaction, physical fitness, and community support. I strongly urge you to support this project and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on Falmouth.

Thank you for your consideration.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Brittany Hoffnagle
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/3/2024 2:13 PM
via online form

Comment

This addition to Falmouth will provide so many useful services for our large Falmouth Community. I personally, love to swim and will look forward to having a place to swim all year round. Gym memberships in the area are expensive and/or do not include all the services I am looking for. I would absolutely commit to a YMCA membership when it becomes available here. Falmouth is also lacking a variety of indoor spaces for all ages during rainy weather and can see this being a place to go to get some exercise or participate in other types of activities on rainy days. I 100% support this new development!!!!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Nancy Rea and Cary Rea
Town/Village:
Submission Date/Time: 6/3/2024 4:48 PM
via online form

Comment

We have supported YMCA efforts for generations wherever we have lived because they always benefit the community. We particularly think that more opportunities for children to learn to swim on the Cape and the location next to the HS is ideal.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Antonucci Robert V
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 6:46 AM
via online form

Comment

This is a great project for Falmouth. It’s will benefit the whole Upper Cape. From health care, to wellness, to aquatics and to child care it will provide opportunities to all. Its adjacent location to Falmouth High School is a plus for all students and staff.

PDF File submitted: Yes

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Arden Herrin
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 9:21 AM
via online form

Comment

Good afternoon,

We have been Falmouth residents for over a decade and have been anxiously awaiting a local YMCA facility with the opportunity to swim. We are fortunate to have so much available coast (and ponds) but access to pool by the public (as well as other amenities) is something that we have been anxiously anticipating for many years. We fully support this project and hope to see it continue to completion.

Kindest regards,

Arden Herrin & family

Amvets Ave

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mitchell Buck
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 12:41 PM
via online form

Comment

My family and I have lived on Old Campus Dr near Falmouth High School since 2019 and both of our children attend the YMCA childcare program at the outdated facility near the Falmouth Hospital. We also take our kids to swim classes at the YMCA Barnstable location every weekend and also use their gym facilities. It would make a huge difference in our lives if we had a YMCA nearby that could provide all of these services. It could also provide opportunity for the Falmouth schools to develop a swim program which would benefit both the community from a safety standpoint but also may produce more lifeguards that the Town is in need of in the summer time. I support this project and application as presented.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Robert Hamilton
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 9:22 AM
via online form

Comment

I support this project, which will benefit the community in multiple ways. The diverse recreational offerings from wellness to swimming and general exercise, youth experiences, and community programs are essential. The local communities are growing with a diverse population. This facility will contribute to healthy living, development of our next generations of citizens, and overall social responsibility. Having year-round outlets to healthy community programs has tremendous value!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Alison Leschen
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 4:27 PM
via online form

Comment

I wholeheartedly support the Upper Cape Y project and hope you will, too. The benefits this project will bring to the Upper Cape are myriad. The pool(s) alone will add so much to the community - lap swimming and water exercise, swim lessons for all kids in this town which is surrounded by water, a swim team for the high school, a home for Cape Cod Swim Club...The other fitness offerings and Y programming will benefit both the physical and mental health of the community, combat loneliness in the elderly, give youth something productive to do year round, etc. etc. THe partnership with Community Health Center is inspired - not only will it add much-needed primary care capacity to the region, but PT and other services can be incorporated into the fitness center and encourage continuation of healthy exercise habits once therapy is concluded. Eight percent of Americans have a"Y story" - a story of how having a Y in their life as a child profoundly influenced them in so many ways. It's time for the Upper Cape to have a Y story. The location is perfect - central in town and in the Upper Cape, easily reached from major roads with minimal disturbance to residential neighborhoods, and literally a stone's throw from the high school. I see nothing but huge positives that this project will bring.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Ann Tarrant
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 4:58 PM
via online form

Comment

I'm strongly supportive of a YMCA within Falmouth. This would provide valuable facilities and healthy activities for our local families. Personally, I would love to have access to a pool. I have periodically purchased memberships to the Wareham Y, but it is too far to drive routinely.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Anne Levine
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 2:42 PM
via online form

Comment

I think this is a much needed resource for children, teens, adults and elders living on the upper Cape. The range of programs and services will provide healthy and fun opportunities for all. I strongly endorse this project.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Anne Preisig
Town/Village: North Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 8:15 PM
via online form

Comment

I am writing in support of the YMCA project. The town desperately needs a pool (no public pools in town) as well as the services that the Y will provide to the town. I believe that the Y will bring the community together. The Y plans have been well-thought out, using experts that care about the impact of the Y on the town, the environment, etc. The location next to the high school is wonderful... and there aren't any other parcels that provide that great connection to the high school. Please approve the project!!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Beatrice Bunker
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 4:29 PM
via online form

Comment

I have been living here in Falmouth since 1990 and wished for a YMCA ever since. With no pool in town, my children took swimming lessons at a dinky hotel pool, Mass Maritime was too far away and hours too crazy for them to participate in their swim program. My children are fantastic athletes and would have tremendously profited from a local pool. Now my children are adults and one of them just moved back to the Cape and has a little child of her own. A pool is on the horizon and we all truly hope that this time around a local pool will become a reality. I'm also looking forward to going back to swimming myself due to health issues and my love for the water and swimming. There is simply no better exercise.

I fully support the idea of the YMCA, not just for the pool but for their entire program offering. I urge you to give them the go ahead, this is a win win situation.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Christin Marshall
Town/Village: Bourne
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 10:00 PM
via online form

Comment

I support the efforts of the Upper Cape YMCA

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Daniel Webb
Town/Village: Falmouth, MA
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 5:07 PM
via online form

Comment

Dear Commission Members,

As a native and year-round resident of Falmouth, I urge you to support application 24008 to build a YMCA facility in Falmouth. For decades, swimmers who train in pools have had to drive to Hyannis, or Buzzards Bay, or West Wareham. To have this facility in Falmouth will provide many benefits to the community. The location, and the intersection of Gifford Street and Brick Kiln Rd, is easily accessible and will not contribute to congestion in the center of town. Proximity to Falmouth High School (a short walk away) will benefit both students and teachers. Falmouth is long overdue to have a multipurpose facility like the proposed YMCA. Please support and facilitate this application.

Thank you,

Daniel H. Webb

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Emily Stone
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 3:18 PM
via online form

Comment

I am a mother and work at a local pediatric office as a nurse practitioner. Having a local YMCA would create a safe space to be active and come together for our local youth. It would draw more young families into the area. I am writing in strong support of this.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Felicia Bordick
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 7:20 PM
via online form

Comment

After learning about the proposal for a YMCA in Falmouth awhile ago, I started asking questions and wanted to learn more. This is a very exciting project with the capacity to offer endless opportunities and benefits to Falmouth residents. When you drive around, there is so much evidence of luxury entertainment with country clubs and groomed golf courses but affordable recreation is limited. The cost of a resident beach sticker can be too costly for some families and the available resource of year round family fun would be so welcomed. The concept of a facility located in proximity of the high school, can offer students valuable programs for physical and mental health as well as the chance to apply for a part time job. The new facility will have the capacity to provide affordable childcare and offer exercise and staying healthy during the colder months. It’s an absolute win win proposal for the Falmouth community. I’m very appreciative of the people who have dedicated their time and talent to make it a reality.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Gottfried Tittiger
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 12:13 PM
via online form

Comment

I am in support of building a Y (proposed off of Brick Kiln Road) in the Upper Cape, which would provide services currently lacking in the Falmouth area. It would be a great asset for the community and its residents.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Janet Walker
Town/Village: North Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 7:36 AM
via online form

Comment

The Cape Cod YMCA will improve the lives of everyone in Falmouth and the surrounding towns. Historically, The YMCA has done nothing short of offering the space and the programming to encourage people of all ages to maintain their mind and body health. No bells and whistles, just a holistic and simple approach to improving people's health. That's what I like about the YMCA. Let's build the YMCA Cape Cod and people will come.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Jeffrey Beir
Town/Village: Falmouth/Racing Beach
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 9:05 PM
via online form

Comment

Big supporter of this project, in time and funding. I think this will be an invaluable resource for the town.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Jennifer Park
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 10:40 AM
via online form

Comment

This project is vital for the health and wellness of families in Falmouth.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Joaquim Verslycke
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 9:45 AM
via online form

Comment

Good morning, I would like to ask that you support the requests from the YMCA. Having a pool in my town would mean the world to me. As a student here, there is no place to swim in the winter and our work out facilities are poor. We deserve more. I also think the Y is a great place for everyone - young, old, etc.... Thank you

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PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Joel Llopiz
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 2:35 PM
via online form

Comment

This would be a great addition to our community, promoting inclusivity and human health.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Margaret B. Becker
Town/Village: Falmouth, Massachusetts
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 5:44 PM
via online form

Comment

I am excited about the new YMCA, because a "Y" was always part of my child hood and teen years. It was at the Y that I learned how to swim and where I ultimately took almost every swimming certification that the Red Cross had to offer. It was also our community center where teens gathered for "sock hops" (I know they don't do those any more), adults gathered for meetings and children went for piano recitals. I hope that the new Y in Falmouth can also become a vital center for our community as well.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Patricia Pinto da Silva
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 9:43 AM
via online form

Comment

There are so many reasons for which I support the development of a YMCA in the lower cape. This is such an important process to so many of us - of all ages, backgrounds, colors, and abilities. The Y in Falmouth would be an essential component of our community, integrating health care and physical health and wellbeing programing - connecting people from across our communities, providing access to swim facilities (an essential and overlooked investment for anyone living near the water given the dangers involved but also the potential for future jobs and recreational activities that require water saftey). The Y in falmouth will be an expression of what we want the future of the cape to be - rooted in community values and inclusion, supporting our connectivity, emotional and physical wellbeing. As a mother of teens, I cannot tell you how much I would have appreciated having a Y during their younger years. I took my kids to a poorly maintained hotel pool to learn how to swim - too small and too dirty but the options weren't available unless I drove over the bridge or over 40 minutes to Hyannis - not easy for a working mother. For teens, the Y would give our kids a very positive, year round location to learn new skills, stay healthy and connect with their peers. For me, the Y would help me take care of myself, improve my health and in turn, give me the energy I need to volunteer and contribute more to my community. PLEASE support this effort - it is a long time coming! Many thanks, Patricia Pinto da Silva

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PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Peter Tittiger
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/4/2024 8:45 PM
via online form

Comment

I have closely followed the development of this project since my husband and I moved to Falmouth in 2020 and could not be more thrilled to see it coming before the commission now. YMCA's and the community services and programming they offered had a very strong impact on my youth. I was on YMCA swim teams throughout my adolescence and the sense of community and belonging going to the Y pool was extremely formative for me. My husband and I just welcomed our first child into the world last year, and we sincerly hope that this project moves forward so that he too will be able to benefit from having the resources of a YMCA within his community throughout his childhood.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Robin Saitz
Town/Village: Woods Hole
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 2:14 PM
via online form

Comment

I think the Upper Cape YMCA is a critical upgrade/enhancement for the Falmouth community and beyond, serving all age ranges and wide variety of needs. I support this idea fully.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Ryan Loiter
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 6:02 AM
via online form

Comment

I am supportive (and excited!) about the upper cape Y in Falmouth. This project will be an incredible asset to the town and surrounding area, building community, providing vital resource and support that will enhance the lives of children and adults on cape cod.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Susan Daniels
Town/Village: Falmouth Heights
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:47 AM
via online form

Comment

Building a YMCA is critical to our community especially the swimming pools. Pools are essential for youth swim teams, general exercise and family time. Swimming is also very therapeutic for an aging population and often used as physical therapy.

Besides the pools, a Y can offer youth programs, sporting activities and a great opportunity for socialization.

I was a member of the Hanover Y for over 20 years until I relocated to Falmouth in 2021. People ask me how I like being full time resident and my only regret is not having access to a Y.

The benefits are enormous!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Suzanne Pieri
Town/Village: East Falmouth/Waquoit
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 4:44 PM
via online form

Comment

I am writing in strong support for the Upper Cape YMCA project. Falmouth is a vibrant community of varying ages and economic groups. A YMCA would serve as a community center for all and provide a central location to address community needs. Physical activity and social connections are integral to health. A YMCA would promote both of these important areas.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Tim Verslycke
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 10:19 AM
via online form

Comment

I am strongly supportive of this long overdue opportunity for a YMCA on the upper cape. There is a critical need for a swimming pool where children and adults can learn how to swim. Swimming classes in summer at the beach are not a reasonable substitute for a year round swimming pool. Water safety is critical in a seaside community. There are numerous additional benefits to the entire upper cape community with having an accessible and inclusive facility.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Allyson Manchester
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:00 PM
via online form

Comment

My husband and I are teachers in the Falmouth Public Schools. We are both in our thirties and want to support youths and other young families in the area. We believe in the YMCA as key infrastructure that will facilitate health and education in our community.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Bill Goodwin
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:06 PM
via online form

Comment

I fully support this project and the many benefits it will bring.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Bonnie Papineau
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 9:49 AM
via online form

Comment

endorsing YMCA

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Carroll Pierce
Town/Village: Woods Hole
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 2:50 PM
via online form

Comment

I'm completely support the building of the YMCA!!!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Clara Preisig
Town/Village: N. Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 1:18 PM
via online form

Comment

I am in support of the Upper Cape YMCA.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Donna Arthur
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 4:04 PM
via online form

Comment

Would love to see the YMCA in Falmouth

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Donna Hayes
Town/Village: Falmouth Village
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 9:38 AM
via online form

Comment

YMCA will be a beneficial addition to Falmouth for all ages and offers a wealth of fitness options, wellness, and community programs. I fully support this.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Heather Benway
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 12:20 PM
via online form

Comment

The Upper Cape really needs this community resource! We need the affordable and accessible programming for ALL of our community members that a YMCA can provide. Furthermore, there are no pools fit for training (lap swimming) around here.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: James Preisig
Town/Village: North Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 2:34 PM
via online form

Comment

I have lived in Falmouth part-time since 1992 and full time since 1999. My wife and I raised our kids here and we had to constantly scrape around to find places where our kids could swim (and were we could initially just get them into the water). We eventually enrolled them in the Cape Cod Swim Club and made the drive to Mass Maritime Academy 5 or more times a week so that they could do what they loved to do. The YMCA will bring a badly needed aquatics capability to the Cape (for all ages). I grew up in a small rural town in Northern California that had an old junky pool and there was no capability to get handicapped people into the water in a safe manner. I was a lifeguard in that pool and have a pretty good idea of what we could and could not do there. They eventually got a substantial aquatics center similar in capability to what the Y is planning. For the last 5 years of my mother's life, her only chance for exercise was my dad taking her to that new pool in her wheel chair and rolling her into the pool so that she could get out and move around in the water. With our population here in Falmouth getting older and older, the Y with its pools and other programs will be a big part of helping people stay healthy and active as they get older. Finally, the Y can serve as a gathering point for the community. It is near the geographic center of our town and reachable from all parts of town. It is right next to the high school and can be used for programs for those students. It will enable us to do things like work with the school district to have learn to swim programs as part of the PE curriculum for the younger kids so that every kid in Falmouth has the opportunity to learn to swim.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Jeffrey n agar
Town/Village: falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 9:57 AM
via online form

Comment

I wholeheartedly support the YMCA project. Great for everyone and especially the youth.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Karen L. Gardner
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 8:52 AM
via online form

Comment

As a long-term resident of Falmouth, and the CEO of Community Health Center of Cape Cod, I fully endorse this project! The programming offered through the YMCA and health center will be available to all, regardless of ability to pay; and, will go a long way toward improving the overall health of our community!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Kristine Moore
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 12:07 PM
via online form

Comment

Would love love love if we got a Y! My husband and I grew up here and I swam through high school at Atria. Would have been so much happier if we had a real pool! We just moved back and had a baby girl and would love to be able to have her grow up with a pool and other YMCA fun. Thank you!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mark Dennett
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 11:39 AM
via online form

Comment

Yes, we need swimming pools!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Martha Hauff
Town/Village:
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 8:32 AM
via online form

Comment

Our kids desperately need a place to swim in the winter! Current options are either financially unattainable for many, or require long commutes off cape, which is unrealistic for working families. This resource would be so heavily used and would be a vital addition to our year-round community.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Max Milhan
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:20 PM
via online form

Comment

As the parent of a two year old I wish we had an option like a YMCA in town. We've used the facilities at Wareham for swimming lessons but would love to have activities, daycare, recreational sports and other YMCA services available down the street!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mike Hayes
Town/Village: Falmouth Village
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 7:33 AM
via online form

Comment

I strongly support the project.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Patricia Burke
Town/Village: Woods Hole
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 3:43 PM
via online form

Comment

I have been long resident over 40 years of Falmouth area and watched the community flourish and grow over the years with young families as well as an older population. I feel that a YMCA located in Falmouth will be incredibly valuable to the health and wellbeing of this population along with every resident of Falmouth area. As a certified Health and Wellness Coach, I know the value that this opportunity will provide to young and old individuals in the quality of the life - providing access to social and fitness activities are paramount in helping to maintain a healthy lifestyle and proper care for our mind, body and spirit. I'm excited about the future plans to build a YMCA in my town and appreciate the commitment of all who are involved with the plan and construction. Sincerely, Patty Burke

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PDF File submitted: Yes

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Reid Austin
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:50 PM
via online form

Comment

I absolutely support the Upper Cape YMCA. We are long overdue for a pool in this town and a Y facility would enhance the quality of life in Falmouth .

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Sarah & Ben Pring
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 6:03 PM
via online form

Comment

I consider this a worthwhile and important project on many levels. The first is for the community to have a resource dedicated to teaching children to swim - an essential life skill (with many additional practical and social and emotional benefits) - but vital for a geographical area surrounded by water. Young children need a controlled environment in which to confidently learn this life saving skill. In addition there are many additional reason why a community pool is worthy of investment - swimming is an unbeatable low impact high result form of exercise suitable for all ages - particularly an aging population like ours. It also provides wonderful social benefits. Combining it with a Community Health Center is a stroke of genius. It will be at the center of a complete health and wellness resource. It will have a ripple effect. Plus all the Y's programs for young and old alike having a dedicated space in Falmouth is invaluable. Please support this project.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Sharon Dennett
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 11:36 AM
via online form

Comment

We have been wanting a YMCA for years!!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: TAMARA TAKOUDES
Town/Village: West falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 9:14 PM
via online form

Comment

I moved to the Cape as a full time resident in 2020. I currently am an avid athlete and swimmer and there are so few options in Falmouth. I can drive 45 to Hyannis or 30 to Wareham Y but we have such a wonderful location for a nearby Y! I would advocate for this Y for our children, our students, anyone who loves to work out and for our elderly.

The location is ideal for our Falmouth HS students as well to have a swim team and it would bring so much richness to our community!

Please let me know how we can do anything to bring this project to life !

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Thomas Austin
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/5/2024 8:56 PM
via online form

Comment

I strongly support the proposed upper cape YMCA in Falmouth. As a nearly 50 year resident of Falmouth, I believe adding a local YMCA with all the facilities proposed will be a big step forward for the town and the cape in general. It is located in the perfect spot, and the plan seems very well thought out. What a great addition this will be for our families and all future families, both young and old.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Tom Arthur
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 4:05 PM
via online form

Comment

I support the new YMCA.

PDF File submitted: Yes

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Tucker Clark
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 10:45 AM
via online form

Comment

The Y as planned will benefit people of all ages and incomes with programs and facilities that are already greatly needed and in demand. It will only add to the good health of the community.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Claudine Reilly
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 6:31 PM
via online form

Comment

I would love a Y in Falmouth! It would be a tremendous asset for all ages and would attract families, adults, seniors and even the “more elderly.”

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Eileen Miskell
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 11:36 AM
via online form

Comment

My husband was finishing his swim around Grew's Pond in Falmouth on Sunday, June 2 when he saw a number of first responders and frantic adults on the beach. A small child had just been rescued from the pond and was being rushed off for further medical care.

For many years now the Upper Cape has not had easy access to year-round community water safety and swim lessons. For an area surrounded by water and where its recreation and economic drivers involve the water, this has been a void in our community that affects our most vulnerable residents.

The YMCA Cape Cod – Community Health Center of Cape Cod project before the Cape Cod Commission responds to that need in the community and so much more. With two well respected and well run organizations teaming up, this project provides the Upper Cape with the opportunity to address not just the water safety issue but also enhance access to primary care, healthy living, and programming for children, adults and seniors. Sited next door to Falmouth High School, this facility will provide students with easy access to after school programming and early employment opportunities.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Eric Loftus
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 8:33 PM
via online form

Comment

I would like to write in support of the YMCA project in Falmouth. My family has been benefitting from the Y's programming since my son was born 9 years ago and then again with my daughter 6 years ago. Both kids went to preschool at the Y's Tern Heun location and they have both have been part of the before and after school programs at Mullen Hall. Like many of the other families in town we have struggled to find a place for swimming lessons and we would be very excited to have the YMCA involved in the programming around a pool faculty in town. We have lived in other communities in Massachusetts where the YMCA has been a significant force for good and are thrilled to be part of that here on the Upper Cape. I urge you to support this project.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Joan Chambers
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 4:21 PM
via online form

Comment

My husband and I have long awaited building the YMCA in Falmouth. We have had to drive our grandchildren to the Y in Wareham for essential swimming lessons. The Y could also provide a pool for seniors who depend on a pool for safe exercise. Everyone in the district would benefit from the resources that the YMCA will provide. Please support an upper Cape YMCA.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Kathleen Shaffer
Town/Village: Teaticket
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 3:09 PM
via online form

Comment

My husband Michael and I are totally in support of the Y's plans in Falmouth. The community needs it.

PDF File submitted: No

Dear Commissioners,

I write in regard to your upcoming hearing for the YMCA in Falmouth. I live nearby on 28A, and look forward to biking there for activities. I would like to see:

1) A small bus pull-out, semi-circle at the front of the facility for public transportation.

2) A partnering with the town of Falmouth to build a bike lane on Brick Kiln Rd. to connect the bike path (with access in back of the Post Office) to the high school intersection.

Otherwise, I look forward to your activities.

Thank you for your consideration,
Martha Asendorf

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Patricia McGurl
Town/Village: Cataumet
Submission Date/Time: 6/6/2024 8:26 PM
via online form

Comment

I am in support of the proposed YMCA in Falmouth. When I was a child living in RI, my siblings and I attended summer day camp at the local Y. The facility had both an indoor pool and a pond, and we and many of the other neighborhood children learned to swim there. I have not been a member of the Y since my youth; however, I am looking forward to having a Y close to home and becoming a member. As I get older, I continue to understand the value making social connections and focusing on fitness in a supportive community. The YMCA will strengthen and add value to our community while being affordable and accessible to all our local residents.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Russ Lemcke
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 9:01 AM
via online form

Comment

Adding a Y to our area will be a strong plus for the community. It will provide an important set of activities and services badly needed to encourage young families to locate here.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Sharon Nunes
Town/Village: Teaticket
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 2:10 PM
via online form

Comment

Writing in support of the Falmouth Y so that folks in town do not have to travel to Wareham or Hyannis to use a pool and/or join other activities. I believe this will be a “well used” facility considering all the folks I know who are excited and interested in supporting this!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Emily Stoermer
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/8/2024 9:52 AM
via online form

Comment

I am writing this in support of a Falmouth YMCA. My family just moved to East Falmouth full-time with our 2 1/2-year-old son. We moved from Rhode Island and were big users of the YMCA in that area. I have taken my son to swimming lessons at the Y since he was six months old. We also like the child friendly options that give him something to do during the winter time. We are so excited about the prospect of a YMCA in our new town of Falmouth. The location seems terrific and the option to have an indoor swimming pool for the winter is also excellent. We also appreciate the Y's policy of having sliding scale membership fees for families that might not be able to pay the full amount. We think that is beneficial for the community as a whole. Thank you for your consideration!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Susan Goodman
Town/Village: North Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/7/2024 9:32 PM
via online form

Comment

I am in complete support of a YMCA in Falmouth. It would be a huge addition to our lovely town!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Bridget Miskell
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/9/2024 11:39 AM
via online form

Comment

The Upper Cape Y will be an incredible addition to the community. From childcare, to youth programs, to health services, the Y will provide access to all in the Upper Cape Community. Please support this important addition to the community!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Daniel O'Neill
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/9/2024 7:45 PM
via online form

Comment

I am very interested in a local YMCA. I have participated in triathlons in past and had knee surgery and retired to Falmouth but their is no pool with many convenient hours . I have tried community pool but hours are hard to make

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PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Linda Quesnel
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/9/2024 4:38 PM
via online form

Comment

I think it is long overdue that Falmouth have a facility that caters to the health needs of its residents. I am particularly interested in water aerobics and find it necessary to go out of town to satisfy this need.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Alissa Hike Harris
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/10/2024 8:52 AM
via online form

Comment

I wholeheartedly endorse the Upper Cape YMCA project proposed for Brick Kiln Road in Falmouth. The Upper Cape desperately needs and deserves the myriad of wonderful community services and benefits that the Upper Cape YMCA would offer. This project has been designed thoughtfully to fit in with the vernacular architecture of Cape Cod. It is my hope that the Cape Cod Commission will recognize the value of this project through their full support.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Roy Heffernan
Town/Village: Cataumet, Bourne
Submission Date/Time: 6/10/2024 4:22 PM
via online form

Comment

I have been involved with the exciting hope of an Upper Cape YMCA for over a decade now. I had the distinct honor of leading the effort that resulted in the joining of forces and resources of Falmouth Wants a Y and the Falmouth Aquatics groups. These talented and dedicated teams selflessly, and with humility, put aside their differences in the singular effort to bring a Y to the Upper Cape.

We have come a long way since those early days and it is now the time to improve Falmouth and its surrounding towns, with an all-purpose community housed in a YMCA. The inclusion of the Community Health Center housed in the Y will be an enormous benefit with its focus on the well-being of all of our citizens, regardless of ability to pay for essential health services.

Please assist us in every way that you are able as this is our collective time to build a state of the art facility to benefit all of the Upper Cape.

Thank you.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Carol Bowers
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/11/2024 9:06 PM
via online form

Comment

I have been a dedicated lap swimmer for over 48 years. I used to live just two blocks away from my lap pool and swam twice daily five to seven days a week, logging in an average of 28 miles per week. Since moving to Falmouth in September of 2020 I've been driving the 50 mile round trip to Wareham Y between 3 to 5 days a week averaging 10-12 miles a week. Not only has my swimming suffered but the driving 50 miles roundtrip is just insane. As a swimmer, I know the value of swimming for health and well-being and see in the swim community a commitment to the sport and the benefit of swim not only to the senior population but also to the community as a whole. A community pool would benefit the entire community in so many ways: school age kids could be taught to swim from an early age, age group swim teams promote a healthy lifestyle for kids and a commitment to a year round sport that they can participate in from as early as pre-school thru college, and of course for our senior citizens the pool would provide much needed physical therapy and the ability to remain active and thriving. My daughter grew up on a swim team from age 4 thru college and is now a swim coach at the Newton Y in Boston. It is the only sport that lasts a lifetime. Falmouth NEEDS A YMCA

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Diane Hammer
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/11/2024 8:34 PM
via online form

Comment

I am so glad that a YMCA is being built on the Upper Cape. It is not easy to get to Wareham or Hyannis. Thanks for making this project a reality.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Helen Reuter
Town/Village: Woods Hole
Submission Date/Time: 6/11/2024 1:03 PM
via online form

Comment

As an avid swimmer who drives to Wareham or Hyannis to swim for nine months of the year, I fully support the Falmouth YMCA. If for no other reason than the health benefits of swimming for Falmouth residents of all ages, I hope the Commission will approve the project.

PDF File submitted: Yes

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Robin Melavalin
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/11/2024 9:11 PM
via online form

Comment

I am a member of the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage on Cape Cod. In the summer we swim in freshwater ponds and clean out the underwater garbage: beer cans, bottles, tires, house flashing, etc.

In winter we swim in the Y pools in Wareham and Hyannis to stay in shape for the summer cleanups. It would be so much more convenient and save gas if we could swim here at home in Falmouth!

Please fully support the Y. We are so excited about the possibility of having an excellent pool in town!

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Gale Clark
Town/Village: Woods Hole
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 12:18 AM
via online form

Comment

A YMCA in Falmouth will be a fantastic addition to the community. Please review this project favorably.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Julie Berkman
Town/Village: Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 8:49 AM
via online form

Comment

It would be fabulous to have an assess to swimming pool in the Falmouth area for many reasons related to the health of the community members. It is especially important for elders who need to get exercise and for healing after knee and hip replacements. It's important for exercise during the winter and for shared community time without having the long drive to Wareham or Hyannis. I am strongly in favor of an Upper Cape Y. Thank you for considering, Julie

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PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Maggie Megaw
Town/Village: Waquoit
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 11:45 AM
via online form

Comment

I am writing to express my strong support for the Upper Cape Y building project. As an avid lifelong swimmer and now a member of Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage, I feel that access to pools for year-round swimming in Falmouth would be a great boon to the community. I also strongly believe that all children should be taught to swim for their safety, their health, and their enjoyment, and the proposed facilities would make such a program possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maggie Megaw

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mary Ann Storms
Town/Village: West Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 11:16 AM
via online form

Comment

I am fully supportive of the project of building a new YMCA for the Upper Cape

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PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Mary Grauerholz
Town/Village: Hatchville (East Falmouth)
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 10:02 AM
via online form

Comment

Falmouth has had a big gap in its community wellness profile for practically forever -- the lack of a suitable swimming pool that serves everyone. Swimming is the ideal exercise for many residents, and an important component of many social groups (such as the casual groups of swimmers who have a ritual of swimming year round, Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage, and others). And our children need to learn how to properly swim. We do a disservice to our youth by not having a year-round facility to learn how to swim and stay safe in the water. I sincerely hope the Y pool in Falmouth comes to fruition.

PDF File submitted: No

Public Comment

Upper Cape YMCA - CCC No. 24008 - Falmouth

Submitted By: Steve Clay
Town/Village: East Falmouth
Submission Date/Time: 6/12/2024 9:11 AM
via online form

Comment

I grew up in a community with a YMCA and participated in a wide range of activities that kept me out of trouble and helped to make me the person that I am today. The proposed location of the Upper Cape Y being adjacent to Falmouth High School and the sharing of the facility with the Community Health Center are just two reasons that this will be a major benefit to the community. I urge you to support this much-needed project.

PDF File submitted: No