



Falmouth Historical Commission

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To: Falmouth Historic District property owners

Re: Adjusting Historic District boundaries

You are receiving this letter because you are a property owner in a local historic district. The Falmouth Historical Commission is proposing to adjust the setback boundary lines to include the entire property to provide consistency throughout all 7 historic districts.

No properties will be added to the historic districts. The adjustment will eliminate properties from historic districts that are not on the main district public way and do not have a building affected by the current setback. Of the 1,019 properties in the historic districts, 123 properties will be removed and 106 primary buildings will now be included.

The Commissions feels the benefits to the change are as follows:

1. Provides consistency with all historic district boundary lines in Falmouth.
2. Eliminates the need for certified plot plans.
3. Protects historic buildings that may be sited outside the current district boundary.
4. More accurately reflects the spirit of the bylaw, to provide oversight of the historic districts.
5. Historic Preservation Plan prepared by Heritage Strategies recommends boundary adjustment.
6. Planning Board's Local Comprehensive Plan also recommends as an action item.
7. Cape Cod Commission's Woods Hole Historic District study recommend the Town revise the setback or strip to include the entire parcel.

The Historical Commission will be holding public meetings to allow property owners to get more information about the proposed change. To see how your property is affected please visit the Historical Commissions webpage <http://www.falmouthmass.us/965/Proposal-to-Adjust-Historic-District-Bou>

The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

August 6	Civil Defense Room, Town Hall	5:00 PM
August 8	West Falmouth Library	5:00 PM
August 14	Ratcliffe Room, Woods Hole Library	5:00 PM
August 22	Hermann Room, Falmouth Library	5:00 PM
September 3	Civil Defense Room, Town Hall	5:00 PM

Please email or call the Falmouth Planning Department with any questions.

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