

The National Register of Historic Places

The National Register is a list of buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts significant in our nation's history, culture, architecture or archaeology that are worthy of preservation. To be listed on the National Register, properties must meet standards set by the National Park Service. The nomination process may be initiated by property owners or the Falmouth Historical Commission. The state historical commission and the National Park Service administer the National Register program. .

Listing in the National Register provides formal recognition of the property's significance. It makes the property eligible for preservation restrictions and, in certain cases, tax incentives for the rehabilitation of income-producing property, and limited protection from federally funded, licensed or assisted projects. It can also provide some exemptions from the state building code.

The Falmouth Historical Commission reviews demolition and major changes to historic National Register properties that are not protected in Local Historic Districts and may recommend referral to the Cape Cod Commission. Single-family residences are exempt from Cape Cod Commission review so long as the proposed changes do not involve more than 25 percent of the gross floor area of a building. Changes to National Register properties that are in local historic districts are reviewed by the Historic Districts Commission.

Most of the Falmouth buildings listed on the National Register are located in four National Register Districts:

**Falmouth Village
North Falmouth
Waquoit
West Falmouth.**

Ten individually listed properties are:

**Bourne Farm, West Falmouth Highway
Nobska Light House and lighthouse keeper's house
Woods Hole School.
Old Teaticket School (School Administration Building)
Elnathan Nye House, 33 Old Main Road, North Falmouth
Josiah Tobey House, 67 Oxbow Road
The Poor House and Methodist Cemetery, 744 Main Street
The Water Pumping Station, Long Pond
The Lawrence Academy (Chamber of Commerce Building)
Central Fire Station, 399 Main Street**