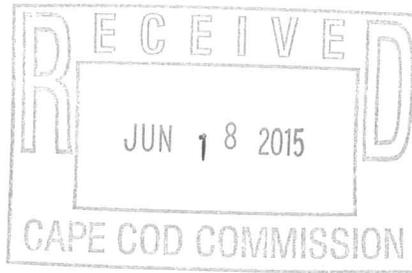


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To the members of the Cape Cod Commission regarding the **Springhill Suites by Marriott 556 Main Street, Falmouth, MA**

Our house on 7 Lantern Lane was built 1949 and was the home of John J Fay Sr. and his wife Elva C Fay until it was sold, first to A. Dickson Smith and his wife, then, in 1986, to us.

The home of our neighbors Matthew and Davien Gould at 5 Lantern Lane was the home of his son John J Fay Jr. and his wife Eleanor M Fay, parents of the current owner of the 4 parcels in the Business Redevelopment District.

According to a December 12, 1956 article in the Falmouth Enterprise (<http://tinyurl.com/q4aap6d>), the houses John J Fay Sr. and Jr. built in "Tradition Village" were meant to reflect a typical Cape Cod style as by the choice of 12x12 window panes and a 9" pitch of the roof. This unity of style and the well tended lots surrounded by old trees were the reason why we chose to buy our house in this neighborhood. In a discussion with John J Fay Jr., the latter apologized for temporarily parking his boat in the driveway, parting with the nice appearance of the neighborhood. He also stated that the green "triangle" opposite of his residence was meant to be a buffer between the residential and the commercial zone. That idea was upheld in the permitting of the ice-cream parlor and mini golf in 2011 (see plan prepared for Daren McDonald, Main Street and Lantern Lane in Falmouth by Holmes & McGrath, Inc. dated Sept. 21, 2011, received by Falmouth Planning Board Oct 5, 2011). I do not know when and why Bob and John Fay, sons of John J Fay Jr., allowed the rezoning of the "triangle" for business use. They certainly didn't honor their forebears' vision in doing so.

The proposed Springhill Suites by Marriott, as they are planned right now, will tremendously disturb if not destroy the quality of our neighborhood. We are particularly worried about the disproportionate size of the hotel, its design, and the fact that many old trees will disappear. Whereas the Fays Sr. and Jr. had envisioned an organic balance between small houses and green spaces, the enormous bulk of the hotel will fill up the business zone and tower over our front yards.

Before the CCC Hearing continues on June 16th, we urge you to visit the back of the hotel plan from our home's perspective to understand that heritage will not be preserved and community character destroyed if you allow the project to go forward as it has been proposed.

Respectfully,
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