



June 10, 2015

The Cape Cod Commission
3225 Main Street
P.O. Box 226
Barnstable, MA 02630

Re: Spring Hill Suites by Marriot, 556 Main Street, Falmouth, MA

My attendance at the Falmouth Public Library meeting of the Commission regarding the Marriot hotel planned for 556 Main Street in Falmouth only strengthened my desire to prevent its being built. Neither the size or design of the hotel is in keeping with our village. Residents will have to deal with a large increase in Main St. traffic. The businesses currently occupying the proposed site rarely have more than 8 to 10 cars even on busy days and have little or no impact on Main St. traffic compared with the impact of a 110 room hotel. The traffic study presented at the meeting is flawed and should be revisited.

Many questions remain unanswered regarding the use of Lantern Lane and it's maintenance. Is there a plan to screen the neighbors from traffic, compressor noise, delivery trucks, garbage collection? Certainly traffic would increase on the road, changing the character of the neighborhood, lowering property values and threaten the fragile ecosystem of Nye's Pond. Both otter and wood duck have been visitors to the Pond and it is home to several species of turtle.

Hotel guests would use Lantern Lane rather than attempt Main St. and this in turn would increase traffic on Dillingham Ave. which would further aggravate problems where Dillingham intersects with Gifford St. and Main St.

I hope that some of these questions will be answered at the Commission meeting on June 16 at Morse Pond School.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Ashmore".