

Jeffrey Ribeiro

From: Patricia Gadsby <p.gadsby@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Jeffrey Ribeiro
Subject: Spring Hill Suites
Attachments: CC Com.marriott.doc

Dear Mr. Ribeiro,
Please find attached my letter regarding Spring Hill Suites.
Thank you,
Patricia Gadsby

TO: Jeffrey Ribeiro, Cape Cod Commission
FROM: Patricia Gadsby, 77 FR Lillie Rd, Woods Hole
RE: Springhill Suites by Marriott, 556 Main Street, Falmouth Village

Dear Mr Ribeiro,

Since I am suddenly unable to attend the second meeting, I am writing to share a few thoughts with the Commission.

First I would like to thank you for showing me the floor plans of the proposed Marriott at the first meeting, which I was unable to see during the presentation itself. I was curious to see if the plans included meeting rooms because the word "Suites" tends to connote business-travel-hotel. A hotel of this type may possibly be needed in Falmouth, but not in the Village area. A 110 unit hotel for business travelers does not contribute to the village character of that part of town.

As you no doubt gathered it was more than high time to get feedback from Falmouth residents. Most people in the room would probably say: Past due. The traffic numbers presented were not convincing to the audience, and quite a number were surprised they went unquestioned by the Commission. The hotel was judged too large, too lot-filling, out of character, charmless, with minimal landscaping. It's impact on residents of Lantern Lane can only be imagined. Residents apparently would have to drive into an oversized business hotel, through a portal created by the aerial walkway, past hotel parking lots, to emerge in what was once their neighborhood, a quiet lane bordering a lake. The audience also learned that far from engaging the community, the Suites lounge, eating areas and facilities will apparently be for Suite guests only.

It might have been a different meeting if Falmouth residents had been presented with a small, charming hotel set back within pretty gardens, with a restaurant serving local food where they, too, might enjoy a good meal. That might have a better chance of being viewed as an attribute to East Main Street and its quiet residential side-streets and neighborhoods.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
Patricia Gadsby