

CCC meeting 6-16-2015

## History of the Green Triangle

My name is Gisela Tillier, I live at 7 Lantern Lane, Falmouth.

When we bought our house in the late 80's, we became neighbors of John J Fay Jr. who, with his father, had developed our neighborhood. He lived in the house at 5 Lantern Lane, now the Gould's home. In a discussion my husband had with Mr. Fay, the latter apologized for temporarily storing his boat in the driveway, braking 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 neighborhood and his and other businesses on the Main Street area of Lantern Lane.

In 2004, unbeknownst to us, town meeting voted for a change of the zoning of the triangle from residential to business redevelopment.

In the fall and winter 2011-2012, we've sat through many meetings of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals discussing a projected Mini Golf and Ice cream shop on the Fay parcels on Main Street and Lantern Lane's east side. To the north, that project's construction limit was the stockade fence and its remnants. The green triangle remained untouched and was labeled "not a building lot". This can be seen on the plan approved by the ZBA January 11, 2012.

Today, the plan to include the triangle for a Marriott hotel would not only disrespect the vision of John J Fay Jr., but also create an adverse visual and auditive impact for the abutters in the residential neighborhood. About 20 cypresses, 3 hollies and other old growth trees would come down, and up would go a building that by its mass, height and scale would **not** relate to the surrounding context, as stipulated by your Commission's Minimum Performance Standards. Therefore, I urge you to deny the applicant's plan.

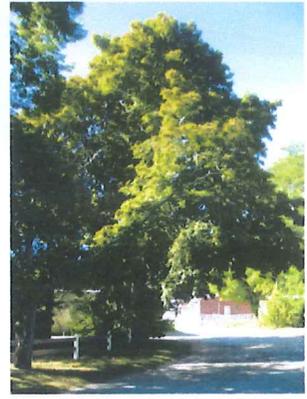




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Triangular parcel next to lantern lane 6  
opposite to lantern lane 5