



Dear Cape Cod Commission:

June 15, 2015

I am writing in reference to the proposed Marriott Springhill Suites project on Main St. , Falmouth. I strongly believe that this project is completely inappropriate for this area. Years ago, while a resident of nearby Nye Road, we successfully discouraged the development of a carwash across the street from the proposed hotel. A deciding factor was the increase in trafficand that was 15 years ago! The enlarged Dunkin Donuts nearby is already a traffic bottleneck – the proposed hotel would exasperate this situation ten-fold. Lantern Lane and Nye Road (cross-streets to Main) are quiet, family neighborhoods. Nye Pond, bordering Lantern Lane, is one of the most peaceful places in all of Falmouth and it is an oasis of wildlife located in the downtown area. A hundred+ room hotel would be a shocking mistake to this tight-knit community and idyllic glacial relic.

In speaking with a local business owner of a motel, the 120-room Falmouth Inn, just down the street, is struggling to survive. It is for sale...why not build or renovate the Inn- lots of room, better traffic access, and centrally located? This motel-owner is less concerned about losing business to the Marriott, then he is about further hurting the Falmouth Inn! While I would posit that the demand for another hotel in town is unwarranted, why not develop what we have? Or put up 2 small bed-and-breakfast operations? The traffic bottleneck would be heinous and the hotel, while beautifully designed, is simply inappropriate for that section of Main Street.

Please listen to the citizens of Falmouth and deny this project!

Respectfully,

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