

Historic District Survey 2023

		Mailed	Return	Percent
Surveys	42	17	40%	
Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	
1 Do you think that the Bradford/Union/Lincoln Street area is historically significant?	12	5		
2 Do you think that the historic character of the area should be preserved?	11	4		
3 Are you concerned about recent demolitions and changes to the neighborhood or	11	6	**	
4 Overall, do you support the concept of expanding the historic district into your neighborhood?	6	6		5
5 Do you have any concerns regarding the Historic District Commission's review process and the impact of its oversight on your property?	12	3	A few Concerns	

Do you have any concerns regarding the Historic District Commission's review process and the impact of its oversight on your property?

What exactly is the review process and possible impacts?

I am for it as long as the Marina, Yacht Club and school are included

I support this fully. There will need to be more education for those neighbors who have concerns, as folks don't know about how the benefits will outweigh concerns.

I think that the Historic District should expand more to include from Cordage to Jabez

Preservation is key to maintaining our neighborhood culture and value. Commercial development must be contained & legislated. Looking forward to formalizing the HDC.

The timing is not ideal. Too much going on with marina & Water St construction. Put on "back burner" for now. Need a parking and traffic study.

I don't want district telling what I can do with my property

Question 1 - Not greater than Plymouth as a whole, the Pilgrims were gifted land beyond the center & harbor, Eel River area for example (Richard Warren, 5 acres)

Question 2 The small property owners continue to preserve & maintain without interference from HDC.

Question 3 Sometimes demolition is necessary, change is inevitable; ex. 17 Bradford St. was replaced by condos in the 80's, 31 Bradford taken down, built up by the PPS Vocational students in approx. 2006, 37 was taken down & replaced etc. No mandates needed beyond town permitting process. The lot size maintains the character.

The Marina issues are a separate discussion but I feel the small property owners are unfairly burdened w/ the possibility of another layer of bureaucracy due to the expansion & design of that building. In my opinion the business out grew this area. If Community Preservation dollars were accepted and used to replace the cupola it would look less offensive but it wouldn't take away the impact it has on the residents. Historical appearance is one thing; public safety is quite another. I hold my breath every time I pull out of Bradford St. due to the monstrous trucks parked on the corner and obstructing the view. The business itself is too big. Let's hope they don't get permission to add slips.

Peace of Mind: It was mentioned Historic Districts give peace of mind to the residents. The condos now referred to as the "Twin Towers" and snickered at are in the Historic District. The Monster condos at the rotary are in the HD. The Beer Garden abutting 11 Howland St is in the HD. Trading off my personal freedoms for what has and is taking place doesn't give me peace of mind!

Question 1 Historical by location but not historically significant, what we have is a hodge podge of residential and commercial bldgs. Most of the bldgs built in the 18 and 19 hundreds. Nothing historically significant happened here.

Question 2 It is difficult to define historical character due to the eclectic character of the area and its bldgs, historical to what era?

Question 3 The recent demos and changes in the area have been in the historical district 5, 7, 10 Water St, the beer co. and its signage on Howland St and let us not forget the bldg at the rotary. The HDC has its own problems without needing to add more area to it.

Question 4 Absolutely NOT.

Question 5 It is more than concern for me, it borders on outrage, as long as my home is up to code and safe for my family & neighbors, I do not need the HDC watching over me and my home.

The HDC has to think long and hard about its proposal to expand the area, there seems to be the questions as to whether they are able to do their job with the area they have. Just a thought, for residents living in a HD that do not have the financial ability to bring their houses up to spec when upgrading is needed, guess they have to patch it up and let the rest go.

The HD area of Plymouth Rock, Cole's Hill, Brewster Garden that is so near the Bradford/Union Streets should not have neighboring areas/districts that are aesthetically incompatible with it.

I'm not sure I can trust the HDC after seeing what they allowed at 5-7 Water St and the Harborview Bldg, they are a detriment to the Waterfront area.

**Question 3 This person answered yes and no, with the comment "only related to businesses, private homeowners are not of concern.