Preserving Historically Significant Buildings

A Proposal from the Maynard Historical Commission
Maynard currently lacks tools to protect historic properties

- No Historic Districts
- No Preservation Restrictions
- No Demolition Delay Bylaw
Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

- To preserve and protect significant buildings or other structures within the Town of Maynard which constitute or reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town.
- To limit the detrimental effect of demolition of such buildings on the character and value of real property resources of the Town.
A demolition delay bylaw has a simple purpose:

Provide a window of opportunity for a positive outcome.
LIST OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS

Proposed Bylaw is list based, not age of building

- National Register of Historic Places
- Historic Resources Inventory (MACRIS)
  (MACRIS = Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System)
- Maynard Commission vote to include on list
Any significant building which the Commission determines, following a public hearing, that it is in the public interest to be preserved rather than demolished.

12 MONTH DELAY

All Properties except…

National Register of Historic Places

18 MONTH DELAY
146 Towns and Cities currently have this bylaw.
Demolition Delay Process

Apply for Demolition Permit

Building Commissioner checks property against Historic Properties List

on list?

Building Commissioner Notifies Historical Commission

on list?

No Delay

Historical Commission reviews application

preserve?

Public Hearing on Preservation Status

preserve?

12 Month Delay

preserve?

Historical Commission reviews application

preserve?

NO
Threatened?

Parker Street Hall

Coolidge School

Methodist Church
Supports Maynard Community Development Principles

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Protect the Village Character of Downtown Maynard

Maynard's identity is tied to its heritage as a classic New England mill town with a rich multi-ethnic core, a walkable downtown and mix of businesses, features and landmarks. Protecting this heritage into the future is essential to Maynard’s vitality and distinctiveness.

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Respect Cultural and Historic Resources

Maynard has many historic and cultural resources due to its history as a mill town and its mix of ethnic cultures. This principle should be kept in mind for all projects affecting sites of known or suspected historical, archaeological or cultural value, protecting them to appropriate standards.
Demolition Delay Bylaw Sections

1. Intent and Purpose
2. Definitions
3. Procedure
4. Emergency Demolition
5. Enforcement and Remedies
6. Administration
7. Severability