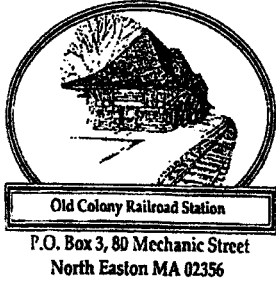


EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



April 22, 2010  
Local Historic District Study Committee  
Paul Rohr, Chair

Dear Chairperson Rohr,

The Easton Historical Society's mission is to preserve the unique history of Easton. The town is very rich in historical architecture and landscapes, and has a wonderful cultural heritage as well. Not to be overlooked is the village of North Easton, which represents an item that is fast disappearing from the American landscape: the industrial village. Pressure to develop in this area has been of major concern to the survival of the village as it currently stands—a site that still contains a microcosm of classic American industrial development. Included in this are the significant Ames shovel factory buildings; Ames family homes; worker housing; architecturally significant supporting structures that developed as the village developed. This last group includes the famous H. H. Richardson buildings and F. L. Olmsted landscapes. Overdevelopment of the surrounding area could forever change the character of the village.

The Society supports the efforts to establish the first local historic district in Easton, one that would provide some level of protection to the above mentioned village and the significant buildings and landscapes contained within. We find the current proposal to be an important part of safeguarding our historical and cultural heritage, and urge the adoption of the proposed district.

Sincerely,

Deborah MacPhee  
President, Easton Historical Society