



City of Fall River
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Agenda

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

The Fall River Historical Commission will hold an in-person and Zoom meeting in the lower Council Hearing Room at the Fall River Government Center on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm to discuss the following agenda items.

Open Meeting Law Notice:

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes:

1. Review and approval of July 21, 2026, meeting minutes.

Citizens input

Notice of Demolition and Construction:

1. 529 High Street - faulty brick front porch stairs to be removed and replaced with more time sensitive wooden stairs with relocation of porch column.

Letters of support

1. Mr. Joel Salamon - Letter of support for Charlton Mills.
2. Ms. Erika Tarlin, Ryan LLC – Letter of Support for the following:
 - a. Sanford Spinning Mills.
 - b. Algonquin Mills.
 - c. Horton Building.
3. Mr. Nathan Curwen, Heritage Consulting Group – Letter of Support.
 - a. 135 Alden Street.
 - b. 110 Chace Street.
 - c. 80-84 Main Street.
 - d. 650 Plymouth Ave.

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Correspondence

1. 753 Rock Street: Questions on Historic Status. On the significant structures, state and national lists. Lower Highlands Historic District. No intention of any exterior work. Checking on options for use. No restrictions apply currently.
2. 754 Highland Ave, Cambodian Temple had a question about fence repair: Historical concern or not. This fence repair or replacement of this property is under the building department's jurisdiction. At this location, there are no historic regulations on this property that apply to this fence.
3. The Parks Department had a request to remove a Historic Headstone from a family plot at the North Burial Grounds. This would have to come before the Parks Department. However, the Historical Commission supplied information on the issue of historic cemetery headstones, and the restrictions are difficult to circumvent. The Parks Department will speak to the family, give them the regulation and law, then wait for further request.
4. Family Services wanted information on an elevator upgrade in a historic building on Rock Street. Will be looking into historic funding and will present to the board before any construction, or when necessary.

New Business

1. Establish 2027 meeting dates for the upcoming year.

Old Business

2. Received final draft form from PAL (Public Archaeological Laboratories). The form Bs of the lower Highlands expansion. You all received a copy. Will ask for a presentation at the September meeting. Copy has been sent to the MHC for review and comments. Will be submitting to the Planning board and getting public meeting input in the next few months.
3. Freemans purchase marker update.
4. The Central Fire Station update.
5. The Fire Museum North Main Street update.
6. The Little Theater, Prospect Street update.
7. The Bio-Reserve Part Two of researching historic sites update.
8. Bedford Street Police Station demolition update. Materials are being saved and safely stored.



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Adjourn

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Adjourn, Tuesday, August 18, 2026 (time).

Richard R Mancini

Chair Historical Commission

Cc: Felicia Parker, Historic Commission Clerk, City of Fall River

ADA Coordinator: Gary P Howayeck, Esq. 508-324-2650

Topic: Historical Commission 8/18/2026

Time: Aug 18, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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