

## **Summary of Jurisdiction of the Hull Historic District Commission**

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C pertains to the establishment of Historic Districts, and lists projects over which Historic District Commissions have jurisdiction. The law allows a municipality to make exceptions to that list; for example, the Town of Hull bylaw creating the Hull Historic District Commission (HDC) specifically exempts exterior colors from the jurisdiction of the Hull HDC.

### **To summarize the effect the Historic District Commission has on buildings within the district:**

- The commission has no jurisdiction over interiors or over exterior colors or roofing.
- The commission does have jurisdiction over all building exteriors, and any work proposed must be reviewed by the commission—this includes porches, railings, stairs, porch posts, windows, doors, dormers, decks, siding, moldings and trim, fences, retaining walls, etc., if visible from a public way or waterway.
- The commission has jurisdiction over demolition of buildings or parts of buildings.
- The commission has jurisdiction over any additions or new construction.
- All exterior construction within the commission's jurisdiction requires a review and possibly a public hearing before a building permit can be issued and work begun.

While any project within the Historic District requiring a building permit must first receive a Certificate from the Hull HDC in order to proceed with the work, note that a Certificate is required for some projects that do not require a building permit.

For more information, visit the Hull HDC web site at

[www.town.hull.ma.us](http://www.town.hull.ma.us) → Boards & Commissions → Historic District Commission