

PROPOSED ARTICLE TO ESTABLISH A  
CROWNINSHIELD LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Spring 2015

To see if the Town will amend Article 5.6 of the Town's By-laws, entitled Preservation Commission & Historic Districts By-law, in the following manner:

By deleting Section 5.6.3. (h) and substituting new sections 3 (h) and 3 (i) therefore:

“(h) Crowninshield Local Historic District

There is hereby established an Historic District, to be entitled the ‘Crowninshield Local Historic District,’ the boundaries of which shall be shown on the map entitled ‘Crowninshield Local Historic District,’ a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's office, which accompanies and is hereby declared to be part of this By-law.

(i) Other Historic Districts

Other Historic Districts within the Town may be established from time to time in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended from time to time.”

or act on anything relative thereto.

**DRAFT - Crowninshield  
Local Historic District**

Town of Brookline  
Massachusetts

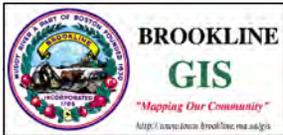
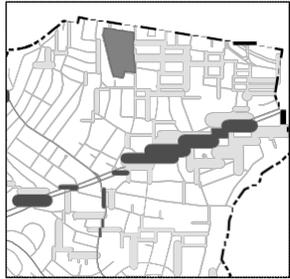


- Crowninshield LHD
- Building Footprints
- Property Lines
- Street Edges
- Town Boundary

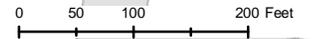
**Data Sources**

The information shown on this map is from the Brookline Geographic Information System (GIS) database

**Locus Map**



Map created by Brookline GIS on 2/3/2015



## **Report of the Preservation Commission to Establish the Crowninshield Local Historic District Spring 2015**

At a meeting on January 22, 2015, the Preservation Commission received a petition signed by a large group of neighbors, who live within the area of Crowninshield Road, Elba Street, Adams Street, Copley Street and a section of Pleasant Street, requesting that a new local historic district be established for their neighborhood. The Commission voted to instruct the Commission's staff to work with a neighbors and a consultant to prepare a preliminary study report as required by M.G.L. Chapter 40C

A preliminary study report was prepared by consultant David C. Jack which describes the historical, architectural, and cultural significance of the residential neighborhood that includes parts of Pleasant Street, Crowninshield Road Street, Elba Street, Copley Street and Adams Street. The proposed district includes 95 properties (61 houses and 34 outbuildings/garages). This area represents the development of Brookline from the mid – 19<sup>th</sup> century exurban estates to the systematic subdivision plat and houses of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The area is defined by the boundaries of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Crowninshield estate (Harriet Sears Crowninshield) and encompasses a variety, but homogeneous group of houses designed by prominent architects in styles of the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Based on the conclusions in the report, the Brookline Preservation Commission voted at its February 10., 2015, meeting to accept the preliminary study report for submission to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Brookline Planning Board as required by M. G. L. Chapter 40C and to submit a warrant article to spring 2015 Town Meeting. It was accepted by MHC on February 17, 2015.

Under Article 5.6, Preservation Commission and Historic Districts By-law of the Town By-laws, any proposed local historic district must be approved by a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting. There are currently seven local historic districts in Brookline: Cottage Farm, established in 1979; Pill Hill, established in 1983; Graffam-McKay established in 2004; Harvard Avenue established in 2005; and Chestnut Hill North established in 2005; Lawrence established in 2011; and Wild-Sargent established in 2012.

There will be a Public Hearing on the matter on or after April 14, 2015, as per M.G.L. Chapter 40C, after which time the final study report will be completed and reviewed for acceptance.