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Re: Application for MPPF Round 18 Funding for
the Newburyport Custom House

Dear Ms. Simon:

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The Newburyport Historical Commission has reviewed the preservation plan developed by the Newburyport Maritime Society under the guidance of its Building Committee Chair, Greg Colling, AIA, and agrees with both the priorities and methods proposed for preservation of this historic structure's unique characteristics and its continued ongoing operation as a vital and publicly accessible Maritime Museum.

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