



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

November 10, 2020

Gregory Colling
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RE: Preservation Restriction Agreement, 25 Water Street (aka United States Custom House, aka Custom House Maritime Museum), Newburyport, Massachusetts (MHC # NWB.727)

Dear Mr. Colling:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the revised draft preservation restriction agreement received October 9, 2020 in response to MHC's comment letter of September 29, 2020. The following comments are provided under the MHC's approval authority for preservation restrictions under M.G.L. Chapter 184, Section 32.

The MHC is prepared to approve the preservation restriction agreement for United States Custom House (aka Custom House Maritime Museum), 25 Water Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, conditional upon incorporation of the following comments:

- 1) Page 1. First Recital. The revision to the First Recital requested in MHC's September 29 letter has not been made as MHC requested. The revision beginning on line 6 should be "...are shown in part as Lot B on Land Court Plan 4588-B and in part as Lot D and Lot E on Land Court Plan 4588-C, which plans are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits B and C, respectively;"
- 2) Page 1. Please add a line space between the First and Second recitals.
- 3) Page 3. Please add a line space between the Second and Third recitals.
- 4) Page 3. Fifth Recital. Line 3. Delete "D,". (Exhibit D is not part of the Baseline Documentation.)
- 5) Page 3. Sixth Recital. Line 1. Delete "D". (Exhibit D is not part of the Baseline Documentation.)

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- 6) Page 3. Sixth Recital. (e) Baseline Photographs. Line 2. Please correct to “the Building and three (3) photographs...” (“and” is missing).

Once the above corrections and edits have been made, should the agreement in this final form be acceptable to all parties, it may then be executed, and then the complete original agreement with all exhibits (or multiple originals if they have been created) may be forwarded to the MHC for signature approval. We will return the approved agreement to you for recording at the Registry of Deeds. Prior to submitting the agreement to MHC, please verify that all notary signature verifications have been correctly executed, as notary errors and omissions are common, and MHC will not approve agreements with any irregularities in the signature notarizations. The notary signature verification must positively identify the form of identification used to verify the identity of the signatory.

Once the agreement has been recorded at the Registry, we ask that a complete Registry facsimile copy, showing book-and-page and date-received stamps, be returned to MHC for our records.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the comments included in this letter.

Sincerely,

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