



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Warren Madden
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RE: Newburyport Armory Conveyance, 57 Low Street, Newburyport, MA; MHC# RC.66955

Dear Mr. Madden:

Thank you for submitting a Project Notification Form (PNF) for the project referenced above, which was received at this office on September 9, 2019. The staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the information submitted and have the following comments.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) proposes to transfer the Newburyport Armory and Garage out of state ownership without a historic covenant.

The Newburyport Armory (NWB.2994) and Garage (NWB.2995) are included in MHC's *Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth*.

MHC previously concurred with the Massachusetts National Guard's opinion that the property meets the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A & C on the local and/or state level in a letter dated March 13, 2003.

Conveyance of the Newburyport Armory and Garage constitutes an "adverse effect" (950 CMR 71.05(e) and 950 CMR 71.07(2)(b)(3)) through the transfer or sale of a historic property without adequate conditions or restrictions regarding preservation, maintenance, or use of all or part of a historic property.

The MHC accepts the adverse effect and proposes the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in order to resolve the adverse effects.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71.00). Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sherva of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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