



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 22, 2023

Kim Turner
Manager of Special Projects
Mayor's Office
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport MA 01950

RE: Bartlett Mall Frog Pond Restoration Project, Newburyport, MA. MHC #RC.28240.

Dear Ms. Turner:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) and appended information that you prepared and submitted for the project referenced above.

The information submitted indicates that the project consists of a pond liner and water quality systems. The historic Frog Pond Fountain (NWB.951) is proposed for repair and restoration. The project includes underwater pipes for water circulation and aeration; a wet well, pump, drywells, and bedrock well; a pump shed; granite block perimeter; a dock for recreational boating; and plantings.

The project is within the Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall (MHC #NWB.J) and the Newburyport Historic District (NWB.L), which are listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

After review of the information submitted, staff of the MHC have determined that the project will have "no adverse effect" on the historic properties (950 CMR 71.07(2)(b)(2)).

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Mass. Gen. Laws c. 9, ss. 26-27C (950 CMR 71). If you have any questions, please contact Edward L. Bell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at the MHC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon
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Executive Director
State Archaeologist
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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