



April 27, 2021

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

James Russell
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RE: Thomas Macy Warehouse, 12 Straight Wharf, Nantucket, MA; MHC# RC.68996

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for submitting information for the project referenced above. The staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the information submitted and have the following comments.

The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of the Thomas Macy Warehouse. The building will be converted into a Nantucket Historical Association operated welcome center with orientation space, retail and expanded programming, and exhibitions. The project scope includes structural upgrades, exterior renovation, life-safety and ADA access to the second floor, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and the installation of an HVAC system and update fire suppression system. The information provided indicates that the project will use funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC).

Review of the MHC's *Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth* indicates that the Thomas Macy Warehouse at 12 Straight Wharf (NAN.3) is a contributing element to the Nantucket Historic District (NAN.C/NAN.D), which is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Thomas Macy Warehouse is also individually listed in the State Register of Historic Places.

After review of MHC's files and the information submitted, MHC has determined that the proposed project will have "no adverse effect" (950 CMR 71.07(2)(b)(2)) on the Thomas Macy Warehouse and Nantucket Historic District.

The proposed project is also subject to review by MHC in accordance with the preservation restriction (M.G.L. Chapter 184, sections 31-33) held by the MHC. The active preservation restriction agreement entitles the MHC review and approval authority prior to implementation of any major alterations to the property. The proposed project is hereby approved under the terms of the preservation restriction.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71.00) and the terms of the preservation restriction. Please do not hesitate to contact Paul Holtz, Historical Architect/Co-Director Grants Division, or Elizabeth Sherva, Director of Architectural Review, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Michael Bobbitt, MCC