



CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Corporation

June 8, 2020

Brona Simon
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Project Notification Form
Concord Free Public Library Expansion
MHC #RC.66817

RE: Non-engagement in consultation process

Dear Ms. Simon:

The Concord Free Public Library Corporation (the "Corporation") has carefully considered your letter of December 13, 2019 in response to the Project Notification Form ("PNF") filed by our architects Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc. (JRA) on September 27, 2019 with the Massachusetts Historical Commission ("MHC") in respect of the proposed connection of the Historic Heywood- Benjamin House to the Concord Main Library building (the "Project").

As you know from the correspondence and extensive submissions to MHC made by JRA in response to your December 13, 2019 letter, the Corporation disagrees with the MHC's conclusion and decision set forth in your letter that would require the Corporation to enter into a consultation process in respect of the Project.

Accordingly, we hereby notify MHC that the Corporation will not engage in the MHC consultation process, and hereby withdraws its PNF. The Corporation will move forward with the Project based on the decisions of the Concord Historic Districts Commission and the Concord Zoning Board of Appeals approving the Project.

We have concurrently notified MassDevelopment (see letter attached) that the Corporation will not be entering into its Grant Agreement and has declined the \$200,000 Grant.

The Corporation thanks MHC for the effort it has put into its review of the PNF.

Respectfully,

Sherry F. Litwack
President, Concord Free Public Library Corporation

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Lauren A. Liss
President & CEO
MassDevelopment
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Capital Grant Refusal

Dear Ms. Liss:

This is in response to your letter to Barbara Powell dated June 26, 2019, the former Library Director of the Concord Free Public Library informing us that the Concord Free Public Library Corporation (the "Corporation") had been awarded a Capital Grant ("Grant") in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of connecting the Historic Heywood- Benjamin House to the Concord Main Library building (the "Project").

The Grant was subject to certain conditions including the requirement that the Corporation file a Project Notification Form ("PNF") with the Massachusetts Historical Commission ("MHC") relating to the Project. The PNF was filed with MHC on September 27, 2019 by Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc, the Corporation's architects.

The Project had been approved by the Concord Historic Districts Commission ("HDC") that is most familiar with the Concord Community, the Main Street Historic District and the Heywood-Benjamin House and was approved as well by the Concord Zoning Board of Appeals.

Unfortunately, notwithstanding the HDC decision, MHC initiated a consultation process. The Corporation's architects have provided MHC with extensive reasons why the MHC's conclusion is incorrect, but the MHC has maintained its position. As a result we have notified MHC (see letter attached) that the Corporation will rely on the HDC and ZBA decisions approving the Project and move forward with the Project on the basis of such approvals.

Accordingly, the Corporation, with great regret and respect for the effort that MassDevelopment has put into its review of the Corporation's Grant request, will not be entering the Grant Agreement and hereby declines the Grant.

Sincerely,

Sherry F. Litwack
President, Concord Free Public Library Corporation

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