



Waltham Historical Commission

610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

November 10, 2020

Justin Barrett, Chair
Waltham Community Preservation Committee
119 School Street
Waltham, MA 02453

Dear Justin,

With Regards to the CPC Application for the Waltham Armory

At the November 2020 meeting of the Waltham Historical Commission, the commission voted to give its support for the CPA Grant application from Metro West Collaborative Development and WATCH CDC for acquisition of the Waltham Company F State Armory.

The Armory is a major historical resource of the City of Waltham. It was officially dedicated on December 12, 1908, and was designed by the architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson. Henry W. Hartwell, a Waltham resident, was the city's most renowned local architect, having been responsible for the design of many public buildings as well as private homes in the city. The Music Hall building on Central Square was another of his buildings. Following the construction of this armory, the state went to a standard design for armories, making this armory fairly unique in its architecture. The building played a major role in the military history of the city, and Waltham's soldiers left from it to fight in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The Waltham Historical Commission has determined that the design changes proposed by Metro West Collaborative are in keeping with the Armory's historic architecture, and an appropriate way to preserve the building.

Sincerely,

Mort Isaacson, Chair
Waltham Historical Commission