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Mr. Paul Foley  
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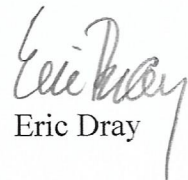
Dear Mr. Foley:

The Martha's Vineyard Museum and Oudens Ello Architecture, following the completion of their project master plan and conceptual design, determined that it would be advisable to bring a preservation consultant onto the team to assist in the rehabilitation of the 1895 Marine Hospital for its new use as the Martha's Vineyard Museum.

The Museum staff and Board of Directors and Oudens Ello Architecture are committed to preserving this unique building. Based on my review of the conceptual plans, changes have been made to better protect the integrity of the interior floor plan and trim details. Changes were also made to more carefully restore the exterior of the building. For example, existing original wood windows are being retained and restored; clapboard siding and all other exterior trim details (such as the cornice and window and door casings) are being restored where possible and replaced-in-kind where not possible; and the original roofing material (no longer extant) is being restored. In addition, the siting and design of the addition has been altered to make its connection to the Hospital more appropriate.

In all cases, the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation were used to guide decision-making.

Sincerely,

  
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Eric Dray is an historic preservation professional with a B.A. in History from Brown University, and a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation and a Law Degree, both from Boston University. He has over 25 years of experience in the preservation field, with a focus on local historic districts and design review, MHC Inventory work, National Register nominations, and planning documents.

Mr. Dray has successfully worked as a consultant for numerous Historical Commissions, Historic District Commissions, and Community Preservation Committees. He has also provided preservation consulting support to non-profit organizations.

Prior to his consulting work, Mr. Dray worked for 6 years for the Boston Landmarks Commission as a preservation planner. As a volunteer, he has served as Chair of his town's Historical Commission from 2005-2014, Vice-Chair of the town's Community Preservation Committee, and has served on local Historic District Commissions in two towns.

Mr. Dray was also an adjunct professor of preservation planning at Boston University's Preservation Studies Master's Program from 2006 to 2013, and has presented at numerous local, county, state and national preservation conferences. In 2010, Mr. Dray was named a Paul E. Tsongas Profile in Preservation Honoree by Preservation Massachusetts.