



TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tom Ennis

SUBJECT: 18 Neptune Road MOA with Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE: April 29, 2008

Massport requests the opportunity to consult with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (“MHC”) and, following an appropriate consultation process, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the MHC with respect to 18 Neptune Road.

To facilitate further public comment, Massport has submitted the draft MOA for publication in the Environmental Monitor on April 23, 2008. The Environmental Monitor notice will provide for a 20 day public review and comment period ending on May 13, 2008. All comments are to be sent to my attention.

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At the conclusion of the public comment period, Massport will respond to all comments received and distribute the comments and Massport’s response to comments to MHC, Boston Landmarks Commission, and all commenters.

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Memorandum of Agreement
between the
Massachusetts Port Authority
and the
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Regarding 18 Neptune Road
East Boston, Massachusetts

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has determined that the proposed project of the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) to improve safety at Logan by demolishing 18 Neptune Road, a 3-decker house, in East Boston, Massachusetts will have an adverse effect upon 18 Neptune Road pursuant to 950 CMR 71.05(a), a property that meet the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C at the local, state, and national levels (36 CFR 60); and

WHEREAS, Massport has consulted with the MHC pursuant to 950 CMR 71.00; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) has been invited to concur in the Memorandum of Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, Massport and the MHC agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

Stipulations

Massport will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. **Documentation**

Prior to any demolition activity associated with the 18 Neptune Road project, Massport will ensure that documentation of the building is undertaken in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) Archival quality black and white photographs which are keyed by number to a site plan will be taken of 18 Neptune Road. The documentation shall provide views of all exterior elevations, major interior spaces, and significant features (both typical and unique), including but not limited to, windows, entrances, and architectural details: At least three context views shall be provided showing the structure in relationship to its setting. All

photographs will meet the MHC requirements for digital photography documentation.

- (b) Unless otherwise agreed to by the MHC, Massport will ensure that all documentation is completed and accepted by the MHC prior to the commencement of demolition activities and that one copy of this documentation is made available to both the MHC for subsequent transmittal to the Massachusetts State Archives and to the BLC.

2. Salvage of Architectural Elements

In consultation with MHC, Massport's historic preservation consultant shall review the significant architectural elements of 18 Neptune Road to determine the appropriateness and feasibility of preserving selected elements. As feasible and appropriate, Massport shall salvage and make available such elements to interested parties for educational display or reuse.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by Massport and the MHC and implementation of its terms evidences that Massport has afforded the MHC the opportunity to comment on the proposed demolition of 18 Neptune Road and its effects on historic properties and that Massport has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

By: _____ Date: _____
Brona Simon, Executive Director,
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

By: _____ Date: _____
[TITLE]

Concur:

BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

By: _____ Date: _____
Ellen Lipsey, Executive Director