MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

FROM: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

RE: Springer-Miller House, 782 Mountain Road, Stowe, VT
Request for Delisting from the State Register of Historic Places

DATE: June 21, 2022

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has been asked to evaluate whether the property referenced above meets the criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. This request was made by Aaron Stewart/Stewart Construction, on behalf of the property owners.

The Springer-Miller House was built c. 1820. It was listed in the State Register of Historic Places on November 11, 1989. A description of the history and construction of the Springer-Miller House is presented in the Historic Sites and Structures Survey (HSSS) form dated May 24, 1988, and prepared by Elizabeth Pritchett. The 1988 report was updated by Deborah Noble in November 2003.

The property was listed in the State Register in 1989 because it was “one of only several remaining unaltered residences along the Mountain Road in Stowe” and retained architectural integrity.

When it was re-evaluated in 2003, however, significant alterations had been made to the historic building, the carriage barn ell had been removed, and a very large addition had been constructed. As such, the consultant’s recommendation in 2003 was that the property no longer retained integrity and should be delisted.

Based on the 1988 and 2003 surveys, as well as information provided by the applicant in 2022, the Division has made a preliminary determination that the Springer-Miller House does not retain historic integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. As such, it is our recommendation that the property no longer meets the criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. We are requesting that the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation formally delist it from the State Register of Historic Places.