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Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer Vermont Division for Historic Preservation 1 National Life Drive Davis Building, 6th Floor Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

SUBJECT: Waterbury Armory - Property Transfer

Dear Ms. Trieschmann:

The Vermont Army National Guard (VTARNG) unit stationed at the Waterbury Armory has been relocated leaving the building vacant; therefore, the Vermont Military Department (VMD) is proposing to sell the property. The property is currently owned by the State of Vermont and the Adjutant General makes the final decision on armory use or disposal. These actions are a state and not a federal undertaking so the Vermont Historic Preservation Act [22 VSA 14] must be followed. As stated in Section 743 Cooperation of Agencies, the VMD must consult with the VTACHP before transferring any property that is potentially of historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural significance.

A Property Transfer Report is included with this project review. A Vermont Architectural Resource Inventory was completed in 2023 and lists the site as eligible for the State Register. The VARI is included with the Property Transfer Report along with maps, photos and drawings.

The VMD has determined that the sale of the property has a potential to have an adverse effect. Mitigation of that potential will be in the form of a covenant or deed restriction requiring, to the extent practicable, all work on the building shall be done in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR Part 67) taking into consideration economic and technical feasibility. The VMD is seeking concurrence from the VT SHPO and VTACHD with its finding of **NoAdverse Effect** pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(c)(1) and the mitigating strategy. In the event your office disagrees with this finding, please notify me within 30 days.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact me by phone at (802) 338-3353 or via email at Tami.Wuestenberg@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

Tami Wuestenberg Cultural Resources Manager Vermont Army National Guard

Attachments Property Transfer Report

