May 6, 2021

Rachel Lomonaco, District Coordinator
District #4 Environmental Commission
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RE: Burlington School District, Burlington, VT.
Act 250 Land Use Permit #4C0116-21H.

Dear Ms. Lomonaco,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the change of use for Burlington High School at 67 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont involving the Burlington School District and Devonwood Cherry Street Associates, LLC. This letter is in response to the materials provided for application #4C0116-21H for Findings for a proposed Downtown Development pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6086(b).

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) is reviewing this proposed undertaking following the Downtown Development findings procedure 10 V.S.A § 6068b (3)(A), which states the State Historic Preservation Officer (or designee) shall submit written recommendations to the District Commission within 30 days on whether the improvements will have an undue adverse effect on any historic site. Project review consists of evaluating the project's potential impacts to historic buildings and structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and known or potential archaeological resources.

It is VDHP's understanding that this application involves the after-the-fact change in use and interior renovations of the former Filene's/Macy's store building at 67 Cherry Street for use as the temporary location for Burlington High School. VDHP has considered the project’s effects on historic structures, districts, and landscapes. The former department store building is less than 50 years of age and is not a historic site. The project includes no ground disturbance and will have no effect on archaeological resources.
It is VDHP’s recommendation to the District #4 Environmental Commission that the proposed project will have **No Effect** to historic sites.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting Vermont’s irreplaceable historic and archaeological heritage. Elizabeth Peebles reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described herein.

Sincerely,

VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

E-SIGNED by Laura Trieschmann on 2021-05-06 20:44:50 GMT

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Peebles, hereby certify that I sent a copy of the foregoing Division for Historic Preservation Comment Letter on ACT 250 Application #4C0116-21H, (Burlington School District), was sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid to the following individuals without email addresses and by electronic mail, to the following with email addresses on this 6th day of May, 2021.

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