

MILTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

525 CANTON AVENUE

MILTON, MA 02186

June 11, 2009

Mr. Mark Boyle
Chairman, The Governor Stoughton Trust Land Committee
525 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

Dear Mr. Boyle,

The Milton Town Farm has been a significant property in the Town of Milton since 1701. Established in 1805 as a Poor Farm, its use has served not only an agricultural purpose, but a cultural standard, establishing Milton as a town which believes in caring for the poor and ill. Today this complex of 19th century buildings, including the second Main Almshouse (1854), the Men's Almshouse (1871), the Pest House (1888) which was used to isolate small pox victims, and the Stable (1882) each serve as example of Milton's cultural history.

The general layout of the 19th century buildings and landscape features, including two agricultural fields, a stable pasture, an orchard and a wood lot are historically intact and have not been significantly altered since 1941. The Milton Historical Commission believes the Farm retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. The Commission supports the preservation and restoration of all existing buildings and landscape features, in whole or as part of the Master Plan Design to be recommended by the Study Committee for the Town of Milton Selectman. The Commission also would recommend the application of Town Farm to be placed on the National Register at the local level.

The Milton Historical Commission would like to thank the Governor William Stoughton Poor Farm Study Committee for your work on the future use of this significant historical site.

Sincerely,



Meredith M. Hall, Chairman
The Milton Historical Commission