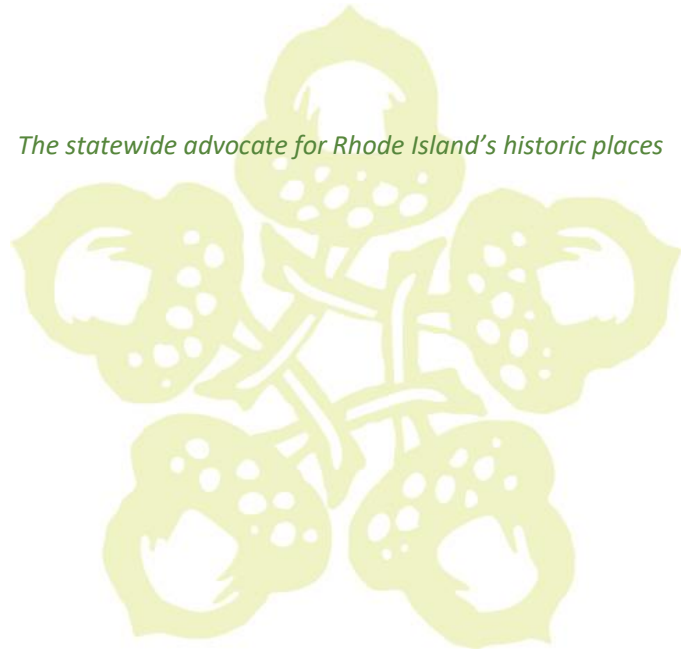


The statewide advocate for Rhode Island's historic places



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Jeff Willis
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H Stedman Government Center
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Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: CRMC Application No. 2022-03-094

Dear Mr. Willis:

I am writing on behalf of Preserve Rhode Island, the states nonprofit organization that advocates for historic places, to support an application submitted by Greg Slattery. The proposal is to move an historic house near Salt Pond north of Narragansett Beach to a new lot, thus saving it from demolition. The historic building is inventoried as a part of the Historic and Architectural Resources of Narragansett, Rhode Island publication prepared by the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. The proponent will move the historic house and reconstruct its carriage house to a different lot on Boston Neck Road, configuring the old building in its new location to be comparable to the original site and setting.

Known as "Broadmoor", the building was constructed at the end of the 19th century in the Colonial Revival style. Located on Boston Neck Road, it is one of several historic buildings along that street. Together, these buildings help establish the unique character and sense of place of this section of Narragansett.

Much of Narragansett's present character is the result of development in the nineteenth century when the village grew into a fashionable seaside resort. The large summer houses and cottages that were built at that time are integral to Narragansett's sense of place today. If those historic buildings are lost, one by one, the historic character of Narragansett is degraded. The extra effort to rescue the historic building and keep it a part of the community fabric is an important attempt to retain the sense of place of Boston Neck Road. When saving a building on

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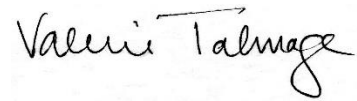
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its original setting is not longer viable, moving a building to a new location is a last resort that retains historical and architectural assets.

The new site, also on Boston Neck Road, is a location that is comparable to the historical context and setting. Important relationships of the building, its outbuilding and the surrounding landscape will continue. Unless this proposal is approved, Broadmoor will be demolished and Narragansett will lose this unique historical asset.

Moving an historic building is a complicated undertaking. Preserve RI applauds the proponent for their commitment to preserving the building and helping to retain an important aspect of the town's character. We urge CRMC to allow the project to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Talmage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the "i" in "Talmage".

Valerie Talmage
Executive Director