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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 9, 2003

Mr. William J. Underwood, Jr.
Chairperson
Westport Historic Commission
Town Hall
816 Main Road Westport, MA 02790

Dear Mr. Underwood:

At a recent NR evaluation meeting, MHC staff determined that Gray's Mill was eligible to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A and C at the local level. Additional research might also find the mill complex eligible under criterion D. The period of significance encompasses the late 19th and 20th centuries during the period when the present mill was constructed. A copy of the MHC eligibility opinion with statement of significance is attached.

Enclosed please find a National Register manual and application that can be used by your commission to prepare a nomination. The information you submit will then be used by MHC staff or an NR consultant to prepare and edit a final nomination to the standards of the National Park Service. If you prefer, and if funds are available locally, you may hire a preservation consultant to prepare the nomination. I enclose a list of qualified preservation consultants. Please note that the list is of people who meet the federal qualifications and who contact us, requesting that their names be included, by no means represents a list of MHC recommendations. Hiring an experienced NR consultant to complete the entire nomination would expedite the listing process considerably. Generally we can move completed National Register nominations through the listing process within a year of their receipt.

I also enclose some general information about the National Register program. We look forward to working with the Westport Historical Commission in listing Gray's Mill in the National Register of Historic Places. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leonard W. Loparto".

Leonard W. Loparto
Archaeologist/Preservation Planner
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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