Governor Shumlin 8/26/203

## Perhaps you know that there are 2517 National Historic Landmarks (N H L) in the US and only 17 in Vermont. They are listed at the end of this letter.

Why does Vermont have so few? Perhaps there are no additional sites in Vermont deserving of that designation. Perhaps Vermonters don’t care. It does require some effort … which is the most likely reason. I discussed the application process with the staff in Vermont’s Division of Historic Preservation. I had hoped they would make the application and do the work. I learned they do not have the resources and it is not a priority item. I discussed this with the N H L staff in Washington and was encouraged to handle the application process by myself … which I have now begun.

This letter is to ask you to support my getting Hubbardton Battlefield designated a National Historic Landmark. The only battle in the Revolutionary War fought entirely within Vermont’s borders was in Hubbardton in 1777. The Battle of Hubbardton was a delaying action that enabled General St Clair’s army to escape from Ticonderoga and Mount Independence and subsequently win the important tide turning Battle of Saratoga. If there had not been this successful rear guard action, the United States might not now be a nation.

There are many sites deserving of N H L designation. There is not one more deserving of that designation than the Hubbardton Battlefied, which along with Mount Independence was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1971. Mount Independence was also named a N H L in 1971 but was probably included with Fort Ticonderoga’s application.

I know you will provide the necessary support for my attempt to make this a reality by 2014, Hubbardton’s 250th anniversary. If it takes 5 years, so be it. We need to start now.

Attached are two items :

1. My letter of inquiry to the US Department of Interior to get the process started.
2. The response to my letter, which: “asks if the State of Vermont is favorable to Landmark designation” and … “we request that you determine the owner’s position and inform us.”

Please send me a letter saying yes and yes.

Most Sincerely.

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