



May 31, 2016

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission
RE: Residential Development, 230 Beal Street, Hingham, MA. MHC # RC.60287.

Dear Mr. Quinn:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) submitted by Allan & Major Associates, Inc., received May 16, 2016, for the project referenced above.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the project impact area is within and adjacent to areas of ancient Native American and historical period archaeological resources designated in the MHC's files as the Salah Office Park Site/ Hingham Poor Farm (MHC # HIN.HA.1) and Bare Cove Esker Site (19-PL-514), including unmarked graves. The boundaries of these archaeological sites are general, based on avocational archaeological information, and their boundaries have not been determined through systematic archaeological testing.

Although the project impact area includes areas of disturbance, including existing structure and associated infrastructure on the property, and was formerly within the boundaries of the US Naval Ammunition Annex at Bare Cove, undisturbed portions of the project impact area are highly archaeologically sensitive for archaeological resources, including human burials. For project areas that may have unmarked graves, the MHC advises a proactive approach to identify their location so that prudent and feasible project design alternatives are considered to avoid and protect the locations.

The MHC requests that an archaeological reconnaissance survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted for the project. The goal of the investigation is to provide a detailed archaeological sensitivity assessment for the project, and to provide recommendations for further archaeological testing, if any, that may be required to locate and identify any significant archaeological resources that could be affected by the project, in advance of project construction. The archaeological survey is conducted under a State Archaeologists Permit (950 CMR 70) and an application should be submitted to the MHC by a professional archaeological consulting firm with previous experience in this region of Massachusetts. The scope should include limited subsurface archaeological testing to evaluate subsurface conditions as part of the sensitivity assessment.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), M.G.L Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70) and the Massachusetts Unmarked Burial Law (M.G.L. c. 38, Section 6; c. 9, Section 26A and 27C; and, c. 7, Section 38A and C. 114, s. 17; all as amended). If you have any immediate questions or require additional information please contact Jonathan K. Patton, Archaeologist/Preservation Planner, at this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon
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