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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

James D. Freeley
Member
Surfside Crossing, LLC
37 Old South Road #6
Nantucket, MA 02554

RE: Surfside Crossing, 3, 5, 7, and 9 South Shore Road, Nantucket, MA. MHC # RC.63783.

Dear Mr. Freeley:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF), submitted by LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., received January 22, 2018, for the project referenced above. The proposed project consists of the construction of a 156-unit residential subdivision with associated utility and infrastructure, landscaping and access roads at the addresses referenced above on Nantucket.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that Nantucket Island (MHC # NAN.C/D) is a National Historic Landmark, listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and is also a local historic district. The proposed project impact area is in the vicinity of several recorded archaeological sites. Undisturbed portions of the project impact area are archaeologically sensitive by virtue of environmental characteristics, with level, sandy soils in proximity to recorded archaeological sites and the wetlands and water resources of Miacomet Pond, favorable for ancient and historic period Native American habitation and land use.

The MHC requests that development of the project impact area be preceded by an intensive (locational) archaeological survey (950 CMR 70). 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 retained by the project proponent. The goal of the investigation is to determine if the project will affect any significant historic or archaeological resources. The results of this survey will be used in consultation in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to identified significant archaeological resources.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws c. 9, ss. 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). If you have questions or require additional information, then please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,

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

Brona Simon
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
State Archaeologist
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Thomas French, NHESP
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