



August 14, 2014

Secretary Maeve Valley Bartlett
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

Attn.: Purvi Patel, MEPA Unit
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

RE: Baxter Road and Sconset Bluff Stabilization Project, 87-105 Baxter Road, Nantucket, MA. MHC # RC.56566.
EEA #15240.

Dear Secretary Bartlett:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for the project referenced above. The project includes the construction of multiple stacked rows of erosion control geotextile tubes at the base of Sconset Bluffs, and construction of associated project components, including access road, sand delivery locations, surface water runoff drain and bluff revegetation east of Baxter Road on Nantucket.

The MHC notes that project components, including the installation of three geotextile tubes and surface water runoff drain, have been completed as part of winter 2013/2014 emergency erosion control activities, and construction of additional geotextile tubing and bluff re-vegetation is proposed in the near future. Review and permitting of the project by the US Army Corps of Engineers has not been required at this time. The MHC has previously reviewed aspects of Sconset Bluff and Siasconset Beach erosion control projects (MHC # RC.9108/22076) in 2000 and 2005, that included archaeological survey within perched aquifer drainage borings east of Baxter Road.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the project is within the Nantucket Historic District (NAN.C/D), a National Historic Landmark, which is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is also a local historic district. Previous archaeological survey in the vicinity of the project area along Baxter Road has identified archaeological sites included in the MHC's Inventory.

After review of our files and the information provided, the MHC has determined that the project as proposed will have "no adverse effect" (950 CMR 71.07(2)(b)(2)) to the historic and archaeological characteristics of the Nantucket Historic District and did not frustrate the purposes of MHC's review (950 CMR 71.11). If project plans change, then current project information should be submitted to the MHC for review and comment.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) and/or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71), and MEPA (301 CMR 11). If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan K. Patton, at this office.

Sincerely,

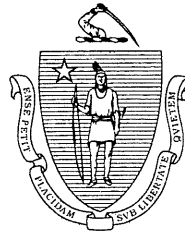
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Brona Simon
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Attn: Stacey Donohoe

RE: In-Town Bike Path, Orange Street, Goose Pond Road and Washington Street, Nantucket, MA.
MHC #RC.51502 . **MADOT File No. 606433.**

Dear John:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission have reviewed comments from the Nantucket Historical Commission, received August 8, 2014, for the project referenced above.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Nantucket Historical Commission comments.

The MHC notes that this project is being funded by the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Highway Department (MADOT). In compliance with the Programmatic Agreement among the MHC, MADOT, and the Federal Highway Administration, MADOT's Cultural Resources Section (CRS) will consult with this office about the project. MHC looks forward to MADOT's evaluation of the project.

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Sincerely,

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Brona Simon
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Encl: Nantucket Historical Commission to MHC 8/6/2014

xc w/o Encl: Deborah Timmerman, Nantucket Historical Commission
Mark Voigt, Nantucket Historic District Commission