



January 26, 2016

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

Attn: Kristen Trudell

RE: Eversource Mid Cape Reliability Project, Right-of-Ways 342 and 343, Bourne, Sandwich and Barnstable, MA. MHC# RC.58632.

Dear Ms. Bartone:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission have reviewed the technical report, *Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey, Mid Cape Reliability Project, ROW 342, 343, and Bourne Switching Station Area, Bourne, Sandwich and Barnstable, Massachusetts*, received January 14, 2016, for the project referenced above.

Results of the intensive (locational) archaeological survey for the project yielded no historic or archaeological resources. Since no significant historic or archaeological resources were identified within the project impact area the MHC recommends no further survey for the project, as proposed.

The proposed project is located within the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District in Barnstable (MHC # BRN. M/O). In the MHC's opinion, the project as proposed will have "no adverse effect" (950 CMR 71.07 (2)(b)(2)) to the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District. The project proponent should continue to consult with the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission regarding any local historic district requirements.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L Chapter 9, Section 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). If you have 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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State Historic Preservation Officer
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