



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

August 25, 2021

Maurice Goulet
Director of Public Works
Town of Medfield Water and Sewer Division
Town House
459 Main Street
Medfield, MA 02052

RE: Wells 3 & 4 Water Treatment Plant, 43 Elm Street, Medfield, MA. MHC #RC.68914. EEA #16293.

Dear Mr. Goulet:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the archaeological report, *Archaeological Site Examination, Wells 3 & 4 Water Treatment Plant, Medfield, Massachusetts*, prepared and submitted by the PAL, Inc., for the project referenced above.

The archaeological site examination defined the archaeological site boundaries and data contents of the Town Wells 3 & 4 ancient Native American Site within the proposed project impact area. While the site provides information on ancient Native American land use and occupation in the upper Neponset and Charles River drainages during the Middle and Late Archaic-Transitional Archaic-Early Woodland Periods (between 8,000 and 2,500 years ago), the MHC agrees with the PAL's recommendations that the site examination has obtained a sufficient archaeological sample of the site. In the MHC's staff opinion, the Town Wells 3 & 4 Site does not meet the Criteria of Eligibility (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it lacks research potential.

After review of MHC files and the information provided, the MHC has determined that the project, as proposed, is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources. If project plans change substantially in future, 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), Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71), and MEPA (301 CMR 11). If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Jonathan K. Patton, at this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brona Simon".

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

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