

Tribal Consultations and Coordination – Sudbury-Hudson Project

Communication with Tribal authorities took a variety of methods and included emails, phone conversations, and in-person conversations. Email and phone communication was conducted throughout the summer of 2018 with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to, during and after archaeological field work for the intensive survey, with a tribal monitor present and both tribes assigning a representative. Subsequent follow-up has taken place. Emails may contain sensitive information so a summary is provided.

June 19, 2018 – Phone call and two emails to Bettina Washington, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) (WTGH(A)), with a link to the Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Report, and an invitation by phone and email for tribal representatives to be present while the intensive survey field work is taking place, starting on June 25, 2018. Bettina expressed an interest in having a tribal representative on site, but was unsure when and how often.

June 19, 2018 – Phone call and two emails to David Weeden, Deputy THPO for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (MWT), copying Ramona Peters, THPO, with a link to the Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Report, and an invitation by phone and email for tribal representatives to be present while the intensive survey field work is taking place, starting on June 25, 2018. He responded by email on June 20, 2018.

June 29, 2018 – Email from David Weeden, THPO for MWT that he may assign a Cultural Resource Monitor to this project; response email 6/29/2018 sent by Martin Dudek with project schedule.

July 11, 2018 – Email from David Weeden, THPO for MWT, assigning Mariah Hendricks to this project.

July-August, 2018 - Intensive Survey field work with Mariah Hendricks, Cultural Resource Monitor of the MWT present onsite to monitor the archaeological field testing for the project. Mariah was present from July 13 to the end of the field testing in late August, 2018, which included all field testing in Sudbury.

July 20, 2018 – Email to Bettina Washington, THPO WTGH(A), with an update on the FEIR, and acknowledgment by Bettina.

July 20, 2018 – Email to David Weeden, Deputy THPO MWT, with an update on the FEIR.

August 10, 2018 – Phone call with Doug Harris, of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Tentative meeting plans discussed and requested contact information forwarded.

August 13, 2018 – Phone call to Bettina Washington and David Weeden. Bettina indicated that Kyle Andrews was assigned to the project. Tentative meeting plans discussed.

August 13, 2018 – Phone call to David Weeden, message left.

August 13, 2018 – Phone call from Kyle Andrews of the WTGH(A) to discuss the Sudbury-Hudson project. Bettina Washington asked him to follow up with me on the project and on our request to meet. He does not have any specific concerns and when I mentioned that what precontact artifacts we have recovered within the MBTA right-of-way are outside of the Limit of Work his response was very favorable. He was on another project with Mariah Hendricks and mentioned Mariah had been on the project with us as tribal monitor. I suggested that if he wanted to discuss the project with her that was fine.

August 14, 2018 – Emails from and to Bettina Washington, THPO WTGH(A), with an update on the FEIR, and a link to the FEIR.

August 14, 2018 – Email to David Weeden, Deputy THPO MWT, and Ramona Peters, THPO, with a link to the FEIR.

August 14, 2018 – Email to Doug Harris, of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, with a link to the FEIR.

August 23, 2018 – Emails to Bettina Washington and David Weeden to follow-up on setting up a meeting.

August 24, 2018 – Email from David Weeden, deferring on meeting. David writes: “Based on the field reports haven’t seen anything to warrant further discussion, relative to the Sudberry project. I still have some field reports to go over and will let you know early next week, if anything needs to be discussed.”

September 17, 2018 – Email to from Kyle Andrews of the WTGH(A), he responded on September 20, 2018 with tentative meeting time and place. On September 21, 2018 I spoke to Kyle Andrews of the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah on phone and he said that after he had done further review of our plans he did not consider that a meeting was necessary. I filled him in on a summary of our results, that we had a few precontact find spots and small flake scatter sites – but all outside of the limit of work. As a result he did not see anything requiring a meeting. He did say if we are monitoring in the future for avoidance and protection measures I can let him know and he would like to stop out if he can.

October 27, 2018 – Email from Kyle Andrews of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah):
Sat 10/27/2018 10:56 AM

Hi Marty,

After my thorough review of the files and information I received regarding the Sudbury-Hudson line, along with our multiple discussions regarding the project, I can comfortably say my level of concern with the project scope is minimal. I would like to reiterate however, as things moving forward, notification should continue to take place in advance of any additional testing, monitoring activities, or changes in scope of work. I would also like to know when the time comes, when construction is to commence.

Thank you,

Kyle

July 1, 2020 – Phone call to Martin Dudek from Mark Andrews, Tribal Cultural Resource Monitor of the WTGH(A) to discuss the Sudbury-Hudson project after receiving an inquiry from a Sudbury-based group. On July 2, 2020 Martin Dudek emailed Mark a link to the Archaeological Intensive Survey Report. We are presently awaiting a response from Mark on his review as of July 31, 2020.



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Section 106 Review Consultation Response Form

Project Docket Number:	Sudbury Hudson Transmission Reliability Project
Consultant/Environmental Firm:	US ACOE/Eversource/VHB
Address or Location Description:	Various location
City, State:	Sudbury, Malborough, Stow & Hudson, MA
Point of Contact	Denise Bartone Project Manager w/ Eversource

Response:

- We have no concerns related to the proposed project. MWT anticipates no adverse affects to our sites of cultural significance, by you or your client.
- The MWT considers this project in compliance with the MWT's section 106 review process with agreed upon mitigations.
- This site will require the on-site presence of a Tribal Cultural Resource Monitor during ground disturbing activities. Contact the Compliance Review Supervisor with construction schedule.
- The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has reviewed this project and offers these comments in regard to the above mentioned project. This project has the potential to affect historic or cultural resources important to our tribe.

After conducting a review of the documents received we have determined there is a potential to "adversely effect" cultural resources and find the proposed project areas to be culturally significant to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

We will require a Tribal CRM to access/monitor ground disturbing activities associated with Archaeology and or construction. We request contact information for the general contractor/project manager in charge of scheduling. The proponent will be responsible for all reasonable cost associated with our monitoring at a rate of \$75.00/hr. plus mileage, which is expected to be paid within 30 days of invoicing.

All information obtained through our participation will inform and advise our attempts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to culturally sensitive assemblages related to the undertaking.

This consultation process initiates your compliance to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and all relevant amendments including but not limited to section 106 and 36 CFR 800.

Exception: In the case that archeological resources or human remains are found during construction, you must immediately stop construction and notify us.



David Weeden, Compliance Review
Tribal Historic Preservation Department

7/20/18

Date