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Ms. Denise Bartone
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By Email

RE: Eversource Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project. Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow and Hudson: MHC #RC.63284, EEA #15703, USACE File #NAE-2017-01406

Dear Ms. Bartone,

The Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) agrees to accommodate Eversource's and DCR's request to postpone the SHC meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, December 10th and to meet instead with Eversource representatives and Mr. Jahnige from DCR on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 PM. The Historical Commission meeting is to continue the NHPA Section 106 consultation to discuss project details, alternatives to avoid the projects' adverse effects on historical resources, and proposed mitigation plans. Our consultant's project will not be the subject of the meeting – our focus and questions will concern the transmission line project and MCRT project. When the SHC consultant's project is finalized the material will be made public.

The Historical Commission requests that Eversource provide the Commission with an un-redacted (hard) copy of the May 2019 CHG Archeological Intensive (Locational) Survey (Survey). In October 2019, Eversource provide a heavily redacted copy of the Survey despite the Commission's Fall 2019 request for an un-redacted copy. However, the Historical Commission is a governmental agency and according to conversations with the Massachusetts Historical Commission is entitled to receive an un-redacted copy of the Survey to fulfill its consulting role under the Section 106 review process. The Commission fully comprehends its legal obligation to respect and handle the confidential and privileged Information in the survey - which is not for public distribution - in a legally responsible manner under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8D and other state statutes.

Approximately 6 months earlier in 2019, Eversource, by its cultural resource consultant Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL), routinely provided to the Historical Commission – and unsolicited by the SHC – a fully un-redacted copy of the Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey for another Eversource's project partially located in Sudbury – the Eversource Replacement Project (MHC #RC.65860). The Commission, in requesting a fully un-redacted copy of the CHG Archeological Survey now, is asking for nothing more than that which Eversource has voluntarily provided our Commission on the previous 2019 project.

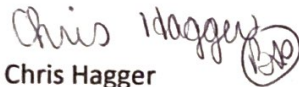
The Sudbury Historical Commission needs an un-redacted copy of the Survey in order to be informed about and conduct its review under Section 106 of what all the archaeological resources are in the APE, including Native resources, which may be affected by the project and what, if any, impacts there will be. Therefore, the SHC again respectfully requests a fully un-redacted copy.

The Historical Commission understands that the US Army Corps of Engineers has provided Eversource with template draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) wording. Has Eversource and/or its consultants submitted a re-drafted MOA to ACE? If Eversource and/or its consultants have returned draft MOA wording to the USACE, the SHC requests that Eversource also provide the same draft copy to the SHC. The SHC, as a consulting party on the project, is asking Eversource to provide a copy in an expeditious time frame to cooperate with the Commission to allow the Commission the ample time to renew this draft version.

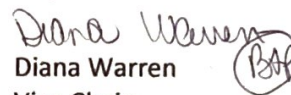
The Historical Commission's consultation meeting with Eversource/DCR has been pushed out twice since October and the Commission hopes that Eversource and DCR will be available to finally meet on December 15 to enable the SHC to move forward with its Section 106 consultation.

Please let us know about the 15th meeting at your earliest convenience. Thank you for a prompt reply and for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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