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RE: USACE NAE-2017-01406, ACHP Case 016522, MHC RC.62384

Dear Ms. Turley,

The Town of Sudbury and its residents highly value our cultural heritage. We care about our unique historical and archaeological resources and over many decades have actively worked to preserve and protect them.

The Select Board has met with the Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) and shares the concerns of the SHC that the Central Massachusetts Railroad Corridor (CMRC) in Sudbury will be negatively impacted by the undertaking which is currently under Section 106 review by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Some key historical resources of concern to the Select Board and proposals for mitigation include:

- The 1881 Section Tool House, including preservation of its loading platform, protection of the structure during construction, and installation of a rail display and interpretive signage.
- The 1890 Hop Brook Bridge 127, including a detailed engineering evaluation of alternatives to avoid complete demolition and possible re-use of existing structural elements as non-structural components of a new bridge design.
- The 1890 Hop Brook Bridge 128, including further preservation of the granite embankment stones, installation of interpretive signage, and an engineering evaluation of options to view the steel girders.
- The Railroad Diamond Junction, including a more authentic showcasing of the junction.
- The CMRC features as a whole railroad collection, including clarification of responsible parties for the removal, storage, and re-setting of historical resources and when and where these actions will occur.

We respectfully request that the Corps consider the above concerns and agree to further discussion and consultation with the Sudbury Historical Commission.

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Sincerely,

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