



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



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Adam Turner  
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Attn: Christina Mankowski

RE: 4 State Road Redevelopment and New Construction, 4 State Road, Assessors Parcel Map 9A Lot 6, Tisbury, MA. MHC# RC.70232. **DRI-710.**

Dear Mr. Turner:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) submitted by the project proponent for the project referenced above. The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of the existing structure and construction of a new addition and associated infrastructure in the southern half of the 4 State Road parcel in Tisbury.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the project area is within and adjacent to the Vincent Site (MHC #19-DK-21). The Vincent Site within the adjacent properties at 10 and 18 State Road has been subject to professional archaeological surveys in the 1960s, 2007 and 2010 that avoided and protected significant archaeological resources. Undisturbed portions of the project area are highly archaeologically sensitive. This sensitivity is due to proximity to the recorded archaeological site and the favorable environmental characteristics of the area, with wetlands and fresh water resources in close proximity, and with areas of level, well-drained soils, favorable for ancient and historic period land use and occupation.

Some of the project parcel has been subject to modern disturbance associated with the existing structure, septic system and parking lot. However, because the extent of modern disturbance within the project impact area has not been defined, the MHC requests that an intensive (locational) survey (950 CMR 70) by a professional archaeological consultant, be conducted for the project. The purpose of the survey is to determine the extent of disturbance to that portion of the Vincent Site within the project parcel, and to locate and identify any significant archaeological resources that may be affected by the project. The results of the survey will provide information to assist in consultation to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant archaeological resources. A State Archaeologist's permit application should be submitted to the MHC by a qualified professional archaeological consultant.

MHC recommends that the Martha's Vineyard Commission decision include a requirement for an archaeological survey and consultation with MHC to resolve any adverse effects to significant archaeological resources through avoidance or mitigation.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L., Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,



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