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December 11, 2023 **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Adam Turner
Executive Director
Martha's Vineyard Commission
PO Box 1447
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RE: Caleb Prouty House Relocation Project, Stop & Shop Supermarket Expansion, 15 Cromwell Lane and 187 Lagoon Pond Road, Tisbury, MA. PAL#4656. MHC #RC.54249. MVC DRI #694 & #89 M3.

Dear Mr. Turner:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) that was prepared and submitted by the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) for the project referenced above, and the MHC's files.

The PAL prepared the PNF to assist the MHC's review of the PAL's State Archaeologist's field investigation permit application (950 CMR 70) for an intensive (locational) archaeological survey for the Caleb Prouty House Relocation Project.

The PNF indicates that if approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), the Caleb Prouty House (MHC #TIS.170) will be relocated from 15 Cromwell Lane to 187 Lagoon Pond Road, where it will be rehabilitated for residential use. The PNF indicates that the relocation project is proposed as an alternative to demolition of the historic house as part of the Stop & Shop Supermarket Expansion project.

If the relocation project is approved, the MHC recommends that the MVC require that, within a reasonable period after the relocation has been completed, an updated MHC Form B for the new location of the historic house be prepared by a qualified historic preservation consultant and submitted to the MHC, with copies provided to the MVC and to the Tisbury Historical Commission.

Prior to preparing the updated inventory form, the historic preservation consultant should correspond with the MHC's Preservation Planning Division to ensure that the contents and format of the updated Form B will meet the division's technical requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Bell".

Edward L. Bell
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