



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

June 3, 2013

Paul Foley
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RE: Stop & Shop Supermarket Expansion, 15 Cromwell Lane, Assessors Map 7f, Lot 7, Tisbury, MA.
MHC # RC.54249.

Dear Mr. Foley:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the information submitted for the project referenced above and have the following comments. The proposed project includes the expansion of the existing Stop & Shop Supermarket at 18 and 14 Water Street, and 15 Cromwell Lane in Tisbury. Demolition of the residence at 15 Cromwell Lane is proposed.

The MHC has previously offered an opinion based on review of an MHC Form B, received April 17, 2013, that the 15 Cromwell Lane residence, know historically as the Caleb Prouty, meets criteria A and C at the local level of the Criteria of Eligibility (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The MHC recommends that the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), the Town of Tisbury, and the project proponent consider feasible alternatives to demolition of the historic building.

The MHC has reviewed a preliminary archaeological sensitivity assessment prepared by the PAL for the 15 Cromwell Road property. Undisturbed portions of the property are considered by MHC to be highly archaeologically sensitive. This sensitivity is due to the favorable environmental characteristics of the area, with fresh and salt water resources in close proximity, and with areas of level, well-drained soils, favorable for ancient and historic period land use and occupation. Types of archaeological resources that could be present within the property could include artifacts, subsurface soil deposits and features associated with ancient and historic period Native American occupations, or with other uses of the parcel during the historic period, including successive occupants of the Prouty House during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The MHC recommends that an intensive (locational) survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted for the 15 Cromwell Lane property. The purpose of the survey is 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 consider alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant archaeological resources. A State Archaeologist's permit application (950 CMR 70) should be submitted to the MHC by a qualified professional archaeological consultant.

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The MHC recommends that the MVC decision should include the requirements for consideration and implementation of feasible alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects to significant historic and archaeological resources through avoidance and preservation, or mitigation.

If you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,



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Fax Transmittal Memorandum

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Re: Tisbury - Stop & Shop
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Hi Paul - MHC's recommended scope for
archaeological survey is an "intensive (locational)
archaeological survey (950CMR 70)". I'll try
to phone you in a few. Best,
Ed

If this communication has been received in error, please notify us immediately.

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