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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Wayland Historical Commission greatly appreciates you meeting with the Commission on March 9, 2020 to discuss issues and concerns that the Commission has with respect to the proposed soccer field at the Loker Conservation and Recreation Area ("Loker Site"). Your responses to our questions and concerns were both responsive and candid. Based on that meeting, and the Commission's independent review of the Loker Site, we have several additional questions as well as conditions that we request be placed on any construction activities on the Loker Site. If the requests are accommodated, the Commission will remain neutral to the project.

As a preliminary matter, we wish to reemphasize with vigor that there are certain areas that are immediately adjacent to the Loker Site that are of significant cultural and historical importance to Wayland and to the larger Native American community. It is of critical importance that these areas be protected and respected. The Commission strives to protect the sacred sites, so using your suggestions and agreements made at the March 2020 meeting, the Commission has put into writing those agreements.

In reviewing the plans for the Loker Site, the Commission has identified the following requirements:

1. The entire construction site will have construction fencing that delineates the precise boundaries of the playing field site. Anticipating the planned construction activities, the Commission requests that the playing field site not only have construction fencing for the entire site, but that the fencing be at least several feet within, and not outside, the boundaries of the site.
2. Any specifications for the project must clearly state that no activities of any kind should occur outside the construction fencing, including any disruption of the soil outside of the site, no placement of any fill or debris outside of the site, and no runoff of material from the playing field site to adjacent areas.
3. There must be appropriate monitoring and reporting during any construction activities to ensure compliance with this condition and the monitoring must be included as a requirement in the construction documents.

Weston and Sampson previously prepared drawings that outline the areas of construction. Those drawings have been modified to delineate the location of sensitive sites and specimens. Those areas are referred to as "Avoidance Areas." The locations of the sites and specimens are not a public record pursuant to the dictates of M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 8D. If the project proceeds, the Commission will provide a redacted copy of the drawing showing the Avoidance Areas that can be provided for bidding and construction purposes. Within the Avoidance Areas, the Commission has two areas of concern, which should be addressed in any contract documents:

1. Additional fencing and signage should be provided to ensure that historical and cultural areas be protected within Avoidance Areas, and an area within an additional Avoidance Area in the southwest corner of the playing field site next to the location of the existing "Maintenance Drive." The Commission understands, based on your responses at the meeting, that this road will be removed and relocated entirely within the playing field area.
2. In those areas where the construction activities will abut the Avoidance Areas, the Commission requests that additional fencing be provided, as well as appropriate signage, so that there is complete assurance that the Avoidance Areas will not be impacted in any manner whatsoever. Again, this condition must be included as a requirement in the construction documents.

The Commission requests that it be provided with a copy of any proposed construction documents addressing these issues for the Commission's prior review and comment.

Finally, it is the Commission's understanding that your Committee is willing to survey and pay for the additional surveys in the area on the Historical Overlay designated as "Team A Spectator Area" as well as in the southwest corner of the Loker Site near the Avoidance Area. Please reconfirm this commitment.

The Commission is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Wayland. The Commission is confident that your Committee shares this commitment. Please respond to this letter at your earliest convenience so that the Commission can respond further with respect to the Loker Site.

Very Truly Yours,

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