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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 10, 2021

Albert Montague Jr., Chair  
Planning Board

Re: 27 Sherman's Bridge Road

Dear Mr. Montague,

It has come to the attention of the Historical Commission that prospective developers have proposed building a Conservation Cluster subdivision of 5 homes on the property currently deeded as 27 Sherman's Bridge Road. This property is located in an archaeologically highly sensitive area. Within 1 mile's radius, there are at least 6 pre-colonial sites registered with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. One abuts this parcel and may have been used in association with the already known site.

As there are possibly significant cultural materials and historical information buried at 27 Sherman's Bridge, Tonya Largy, coordinator of the Wayland Archaeology Research Group, asked Developer Michael Staiti at the public town sponsored field visit, if he would consider funding an archaeological survey.

Once excavators, backhoes and bulldozers are moving dirt, our understanding of the local history and precolonial land use could be lost. **This letter serves as a request to the Planning Board to ask that decisions regarding 27 Sherman Bridge Road be carefully considered.** The Historical Commission is not opposed to development; however, it is in the best interest of the community to survey or monitor the use of the land prior to development. We request that any order of conditions include an archaeological survey.

Sincerely,

Katherine Gardner-Westcott, Chair  
Historical Commission