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Board of Selectmen
Town of Wayland

RE: MH #851: Brookside Development 113, 115, 117, 119 Boston Post Road

Dear Sarkis,

After reviewing the plans for the proposed development near Pine Brook, the Historical Commission is concerned about encroachment on an archaeologically sensitive site by the brook. A resident on Pine Brook Road unearthed a very old artifact, possibly the oldest artifact found in Wayland thus far, from his front yard when planting a tree on his property. According to the records maintained by the Wayland Archaeology Group, an arm of the Wayland Historical Commission, this site is registered with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (site #19-MD-696).

Due to the artifact already uncovered, this site requires an archaeological survey before the land is developed. Even though there is some surface disturbance, most pre-colonial archaeological sites can be as deep as 50 centimeters below the ground surface or deeper, depending on the topography. Since the Pine Brook watershed has never been studied archaeologically, extensive development of this area without conducting a survey first would likely preclude the opportunity to learn more about the earliest inhabitants of this area.

Sincerely,

Elisa Scola, Chair
Wayland Historical Commission

Cc: ✓ Cherry Carlson, Chair, Board of Selectman
Sherre Greenbaun, Chair, Conservation Commission
Nan Balmer, Town Administrator