The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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John D'Aoust
Water Division
City of Haverhill Department of Public Works
131 Amesbury Road
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RE: City of Haverhill Department of Public Works Water Division Merrimack River Radial Collector and Raw Water Main, 309 East Broadway, Haverhill, MA. MHC #RC.61375. **EEA #15773.**

Dear Mr. D'Aoust:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the archaeological report, *Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey, Merrimack River Radial Collector Well and Raw Water Main Project, Haverhill, Massachusetts*, prepared and submitted by the PAL, Inc., for the project referenced above.

The intensive (locational) archaeological survey identified the Wild Herb Site in the 309 East Broadway portion of the overall project impact area. The Wild Herb Site includes a low density deposit of the byproducts of ancient Native American stone tool maintenance and/or manufacture within plowed and natural soils. In the MHC's staff opinion, the Wild Herb Site possesses limited information content and therefore does not meet the criteria of eligibility (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No additional archaeological survey is recommended for the project as proposed.

In the MHC's staff opinion, the project as proposed is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources. If project plans change in future, then current project information should be submitted to the MHC for review and comment.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71) and MEPA (301 CMR 11). If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Jonathan K. Patton, Archaeologist/Preservation Planner at this office.

Sincerely,

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