

July 8, 2021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Massachusetts Historical Commission

Michael Andrus Project Manager Beta Group, Inc 701 George Washington Hwy Lincoln, RI 02865

RE: City of Taunton - Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 2 Improvements, 825 West Water Street Taunton, MA. MHC #RC.20887. EEA#13897. DEP #CWSRF 6760.

Dear Mr. Andrus:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) with the project plan "Taunton Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Phase 2," Sheet No. C-1.1 and C-1.4, prepared by Beta Group, Inc., and dated June 15, 2021, that you submitted for the project referenced above, received by the MHC on June 28 and July 7, 2021.

The PNF and project plan indicates that the project consists of demolition and replacement of equipment, structures, and systems infrastructure at the Taunton Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The PNF indicates that the project is proposed for funding through the State Revolving Fund administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and requires a DEP WM16 approval.

Review of the MHC's files indicates that the project relates to the Taunton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

After review of the information that you submitted and the MHC's files, the MHC believes that the Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 2 Improvements project as proposed is unlikely to affect any significant historic and archaeological resources. No further MHC review of the Phase 2 Improvements project as proposed is required.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800), M.G.L. c. 9, ss. 26-27C (950 CMR 71), and MEPA (301 CMR 11). Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Bell Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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