



ST. MARK'S SCHOOL
25 Marlboro Road, Southborough, MA 01772

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Southborough Historical Commission
25 Common Street
Southborough, MA 01772-1662

Dear Members of the Historical Commission,

I write today on behalf of St. Mark's School in response to your letter from earlier this spring.

When the Town of Southborough initially approached St. Mark's School to engage in a project to improve land adjacent to Marlboro Road, the School was interested in this project primarily because it allowed for increased life safety while simultaneously adding a park ultimately benefiting all citizens of the Town. We agreed to the request to provide roughly 31,000 square feet of land to the Town in exchange for approximately 16,000 square feet of land to be provided to the School. We were particularly interested in the life safety benefits of having a wider turning lane for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles turning on St. Mark's Street from Route 85 as a result of the work.

St. Mark's is interested in being a partner to the Historical Commission and the Town as the Town's project moves toward completion. As noted in your letter, the Historical Commission is committed to working productively and in good faith with all concerned parties, and we are committed to working with you. To that end, we will hire a cultural resource management (CRM) firm specializing in the historic archaeology of New England to conduct a survey of the construction site to determine whether or not this land contains evidence of an Indigenous Peoples burial site. The firm will obtain the necessary approvals from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and we will keep the Historical Commission updated on the results of this survey, as well as any resulting next steps.

The School is aware of the recent discussion of this project at the recent Town Meeting, and we understand the high level of interest in the project. We are committed to a strong partnership with the Town, as well as with the Historical Commission, and appreciate the interest of both the citizens of Southborough and of members of the Commission. We will be in touch soon to follow up with additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert Kuklewicz
Chief Financial and Operations Officer
St. Mark's School