

Department of Economic and Community Development

State Historic Preservation Office

July 26, 2018

Ms. Ellen Gustafson Administrative Assistant All Points Technology Corp. 3 Saddlebrook Drive Killingworth, CT 06419

Subject: Phase IB Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility

796 Woodin Street

Hamden, CT

Dear Ms. Gustafson:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the archeological survey report prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated July 2018. The proposed activities are subject to review by this office pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations. SHPO understands that the proposed undertaking includes the installation of a 120 foot tall monopole with antennas, mounted in three sectors at a maximum height of 124 feet above ground level (AGL), installed within a 40' by 70' fenced compound, and accessed by a 12' wide access drive originating west of the attached garage of the existing residence. The submitted report is well-written, comprehensive, and meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

796 Woodin Street is located within a 0.5 mile radius of Heroes Tunnel, formerly the West Rock Tunnel, which was determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by our office in a letter dated April 20, 2016.

Phase IB of the reconnaissance survey consisted of subsurface testing of areas that would be subject to ground disturbing impacts as part of the proposed undertaking. A total of 23 of 24 planned shovel tests were excavated successfully throughout the proposed work area. Of the 23 shovel tests, 5 yielded cultural material from historic periods.

The majority of historic material was recovered from Stratum I, a disturbed A-Horizon deposit, and are representative of typical items used between the early- and mid-twentieth century. These types of artifacts are indicative of agricultural/domestic use of the site, and do not possess any unique characteristics or research potential, and thus are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places "National Register."



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As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that there will be no adverse effect to sites listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, with the following conditions:

- The antennas and associated equipment will be designed, painted to match adjacent materials, and installed to be as non-visible as possible, and
- 2. if not in use for six consecutive months, antennas, microwave dish, and all other equipment shall be removed by the telecommunications facility owner. This removal shall occur within 90 days of the end of such six-month period.

Please also submit <u>two bound copies</u> of the Phase IB Survey be submitted to this office for archiving and public access.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For further information please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Dunne

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer