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Via email: mjohnston@northpointkc.com

Michael Johnston, Project Manager
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Re: Proposed warehouse construction
Airport Road and Commerce Drive, Warwick

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the project plans that you submitted to our office via email on January 6, 2020. According to our understanding, NorthPoint Development is planning to construct a warehouse on the roughly 47.1-acre subject property, which consists primarily of open land at the intersection of Airport Road and Commerce Drive in Warwick, and that the City of Warwick's Planning Department advised you to seek our comment.

The subject property was determined to be sensitive for archaeological resources by a study completed in 2006 by the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) for the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Plan. Though PAL did not conduct archaeological test excavations on the subject property to confirm the presence or absence of archaeological sites thereon (owing to a lack of property access), PAL determined the subject property to be highly sensitive for archeological resources in accordance with local environmental characteristics. Accordingly, RIHPHC recommends that NorthPoint Development commission a Phase I(c) archaeological survey of the subject property to determine the presence or absence of archaeological sites thereon as a project planning element.

These comments are provided in accordance with the Rhode Island Antiquities Act (RIGL, 42-45.1 et seq.). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Timothy Ives, Principal Archaeologist, at 401-222-4139 or timothy.ives@preservation.ri.gov.

Sincerely yours,

J. Paul Loether
Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Lidia Cruz-Abreau, Warwick Planning Department (lidia.cruz-abreau@warwickri.com)