

# MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 55 CAPITOL STREET 65 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

EARLE G. SHETTLEWORTH, JR. DIRECTOR

November 20, 2007

Ms. Brooke E. Barnes Project Manager Stantec Consulting 30 Park Drive Topsham, ME 04086

Project:

MHPC #2779-06 - Stetson Wind Project, Stetson Mountain

Location:

T8R4 and T8R3, NBPP, ME

Dear Ms. Barnes:

In response to your recent request, our office has reviewed the information received November 13, 2007 to continue consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Based on the findings of the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.'s Historic Architectural Reconnaissance Survey report for this project and their October 31, 2007 "Stetson Wind Project, T8R4 and T8R3, NBPP, Washington County, ME, Historic Architectural Effects Assessment" memorandum, I concur that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on above ground historic properties.

Please contact Robin Stancampiano of my staff if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer





### Maine Historic Preservation Commission 55 CAPITOL STREET 65 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

EARLE G. SHETTLEWORTH, JR. DIRECTOR

October 19, 2007

Mr. Brooke Barnes Stantec Consultants 30 Park Drive Topsham, ME 04086

RE: Stetson Wind project (MHPC 2779-06), T8R3NBPP, access road and wind project area only

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Dr. Arthur Spiess of my staff has reviewed the archaeological sensitivity analysis documents and the "walkover" archaeological survey report for the access roads and wind farm area, submitted as Appendix 1 in a report by Clark and Piacentini of TRC, Inc, dated August 23, 2007.

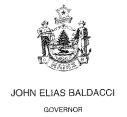
I find that there will be no archaeological properties affected by the proposed undertaking, defined as the installation of the wind turbines, associated facilities and access road improvement/use.

We understand that the archaeological survey report for the transmission line outside of the turbine area has not yet been completed. These comments do not apply to the transmission line.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Office



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EARLE G. SHETTLEWORTH, JR. DIRECTOR

October 9, 2007

Brook E. Barnes Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. 30 Park Drive Topsham, ME 04086

Project:

MHPC #2779-06 – Stetson Wind Project, Stetson Mountain, Architectural Survey

Town:

T8R4 and T8R3, NBPP, Washington County, ME

Dear Mr. Barnes:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the architectural survey information received August 28, 2007 to continue consultation on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. Our comments are organized in two parts: 1) those relating to the identification of historic properties in the area of project effect; and 2) those relating to the findings of effect.

### <u>Identification of Historic Properties</u>

The Commission concurs with the recommendations of the Technical Report: Historic Architectural Reconnaissance Survey, Stetson Wind Farm Project that the following properties are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

Carroll Congregational Church, Carroll Plantation Survey Map No. 87 Forest Lodge 148, Springfield, Survey Map No. 111 Eastern Maine Railway Bridge, Bancroft, Survey Map No. 191

In addition, as noted in the Report, there are three properties in the survey area that are presently listed in the National Register: the Romanzo Kingman House in Kingman; Union Hall in Danforth; and the Springfield Congregational Church in Springfield.

We do not concur with the Report's recommendations that the following properties are also potentially eligible:

Wytopitlock Baptist Church, Wytopitlock, Survey Map No. 173
Saint Anne's Catholic Church, Danforth, Survey Map No. 219
House, 1890 Houlton Road, Danforth, Survey Map No. 221



Former church, Calais Road, Easton, Survey Map No. 289
Brookton Baptist Church, Brookton, Survey Map No. 291
Danforth Historic District, Danforth, Survey Map Nos. 238, 239, 240, 241, 241.1, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 256, 257, 260, 261, 262, 269, 270, and 271

In our opinion, the individual properties noted above either do not meet Criterion C for their architectural significance or they have lost integrity due to alterations (such as the loss of decorative exterior elements in the Brookton Baptist Church). Likewise, we do not believe that the proposed historic district in Danforth possesses sufficient integrity to warrant nomination to the Register under Criteria A or C.

The Commission is of the opinion that the following properties, which were not recommended as being eligible in the Report, are potentially eligible:

House, Lee Road, Springfield, Survey Map No. 108 Springfield Fair buildings, Springfield, Survey Map No. 117 House and Barn, 166 North Road, Carroll Plantation, Survey Map No. 143 Corner Stone Inn, 7 Depot Street, Danforth, Survey Map No. 250

The house on Lee Road in Springfield exhibits a decorative sheathing pattern on at least the front facade, and is of a scale and level of integrity that is unusual among all the properties included in the survey. We believe that it is potentially eligible under Criterion C. Likewise, the House and Barn at 166 North Road in Carroll Plantation is the only example in the survey of a connected farmstead with a largely intact house, ell and barn (and silo). The Springfield Fair buildings merit further evaluation for their potential Criterion A significance as a collection of resources associated with rural patterns of recreation and agricultural fairs. The Criterion A (and potentially Criterion C) significance of the Corner Stone Inn also merits further assessment.

With the exception of the properties noted above, we concur with the Report's other recommendations relative to ineligibility.

### Assessment of Project Effects

The Commission concurs with the findings of effect (Report, p. 44) as they relate to historic properties that we mutually agree are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, as noted above there are several other properties in the area of project effect that were not identified in the report as being potentially eligible, but that we believe may meet the Register criteria. Therefore, we request that you make a finding of effect relative to these properties.

Upon submittal of this additional information, we will continue our review of the proposed undertaking. Please contact Kirk Mohney of my staff if you have any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer