

Email from Dr. Rachel Watkins to Planning Director Gwen Wright on March 8, 2017:

Hi Gwen,

Thanks for your message. We have sought twice to negotiate a contract that accommodates our proposal in which we become essential to the design and conduct of the required archaeological study. Throughout our attempted negotiations you adhered to your initial idea of a review, which we have said is insufficient to assure an accurate study or full reporting to the descendant community. We remind you that we seek to become embedded within the archaeological work of Ottery, to contribute to the drafting of an accepted scope of work that recognizes the fact that a far more extensive study than GPR alone will be necessary to accurately delineate the cemetery site, broad public reporting during the project, and to aid the Church, County, and Equity One to craft an agreement that affirms the role of the descendant community as an ethical client. To this, your only acknowledgement was to appear to cease requiring us to report exclusively to Montgomery County Parks and Planning and to offer us work as reviewers of other's archaeology with a wholly inadequate budget for that task alone.

It has, therefore, not been possible for us to reach agreement, or even to begin to forge such an agreement through reasonable adjustments by both parties. We are currently pursuing other avenues to achieve the goal of adequate archaeological standards and accountability to Macedonia Baptist Church that Parks and Planning has been unwilling to consider and is without resources to perform. A meeting with you this week will not be necessary as we and the Ottery Group prepare a detailed submission to Equity One, Macedonia Baptist Church, and Montgomery County as an alternative to the review idea.

Sincerely,

Rachel and Michael