

Board Mini-Retreat – Minutes

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**Bristol Community College
Fall River, Massachusetts**

**Board of Trustees
Mini-Retreat Minutes**

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I. Call to Order

What Does the Doctrine of Discovery have to do with us?

US Supreme Court in the 1823 case *Johnson v. McIntosh*, Chief Justice John Marshall's opinion in the unanimous decision held "that the principle of discovery gave European nations an absolute right to New World lands."

City of Sherrill, New York v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York (544 U.S. 197)

Indian Lands after 1790 in the US

Indian Intercourse Act of 1790

Indian Resistance to Encroachment on lands/warfare/removals

Indian Removals (1830s) and the Creation of Indian Territory

Large Scale Land Sales and Plains Indian Wars

Indian Allotment Act (Dawes Act) 1887

Indian Reorganization Act (1934); ends federal allotment of Indian lands

Indian Termination Act

American Indian Education and Self-Determination Assistance Act

MA Native Lands

King Philip's War and its aftermath

American Revolution

Mashpee Revolt; driven by land sales of tribal lands/Indian town resources by

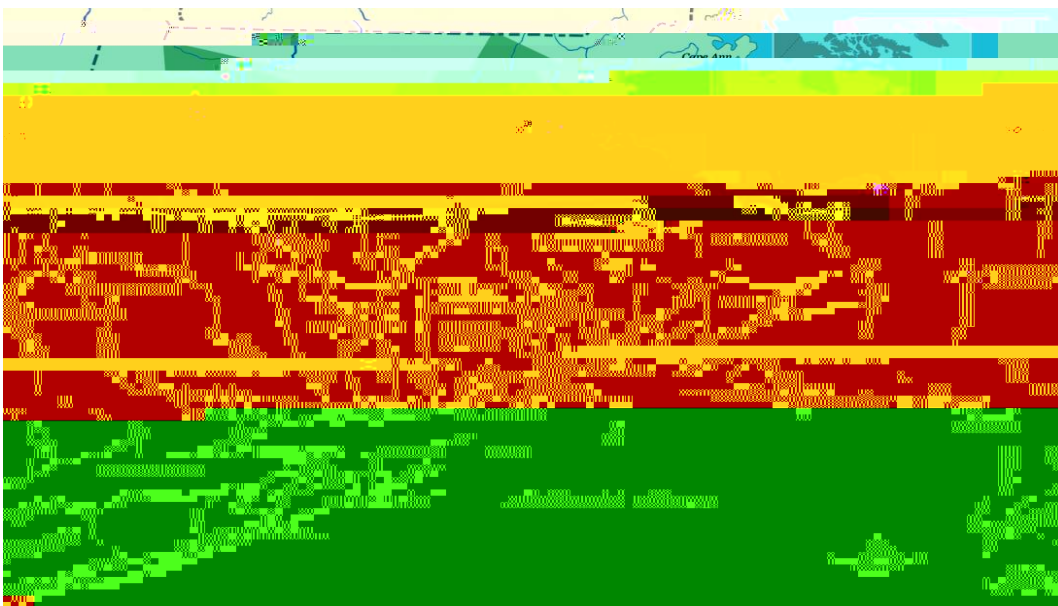
General Court and encroachment of neighbors

Allotment of Native lands begin (1849)

Massachusetts Indian Enfranchisement and Allotment Act of 1870; no end to taxation of Native lands owned by descendants of allottees

Several distinct Native Peoples inhabited what is now Massachusetts and points south.

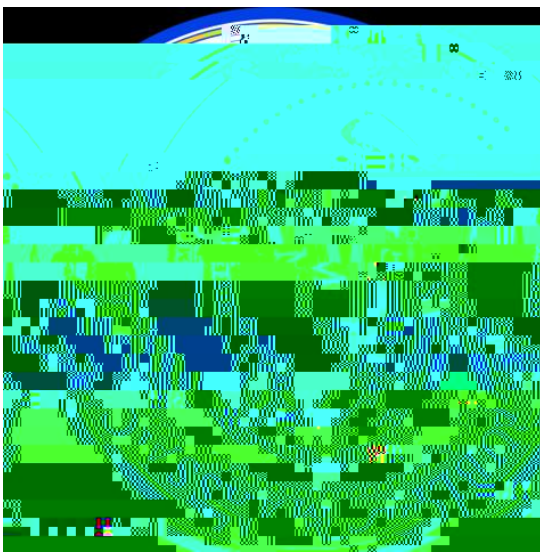
Tribal territories of Southern New England. Around 1600.



**Native Americans in Massachusetts
are of diverse tribal affiliations.**

Select tribal affiliation of Native Americans
in Massachusetts, alone or in combination
with other race

<u>-</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>American Indian or Alaska Native totals</u>	<u>38,897</u>	<u>49,405</u>
<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>4,037</u>	<u>7,049</u>
<u>Wampanoag</u>	<u>2,121</u>	<u>*2,727</u>
<u>South American Indian</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,601</u>



Counting only people who select “Native American” alone dramatically understates the true number of people with Native American ancestry.

of people selecting Native American alone and people selecting N.A. in combination with another category. Massachusetts.

Source: U. S. Census 2000. 2012-2016 American Community Survey

Expatriate Native populations

First Nations Peoples from Canada (Micmac, Maliseet, Iroquois, other)

Members of terminated, state and federally recognized tribes from other states and

Native American Specific Health Resources in Massachusetts

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Health Services Unit-Indian Health Services (approx. 2,600 pop.)

- Mashpee, Massachusetts

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Health Services (pop. 1,327 in 2018)

- Aquinnah, Massachusetts

Native American Lifelines (Urban Indian Health Organization)

- West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Some MA Native Non-profit Organizations

North American Indian Center of Boston

Ohketeau Cultural Center

Native American Lifelines

Kinship Heals

Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association

Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness

Worcester Inter-tribal Indian Center

Some Native Massachusetts Tribes

Aquinnah (Gay Head)

Assonet Band of Wampanoags (Freetown)

Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck (Dudley/Webster)

Chappaquiddick Wampanoag (across Islands and MA)

Nipmuc Nation (Grafton)

Herring Pond Wampanoag (Plymouth)

Mashpee Wampanoag (Mashpee)

Natick Nipmuc (Natick)

Pocasset Wampanoag (Fall River, Troy)

Massachusett at Ponkapoag (Canton)

each group was asked to record the notes. After the group discussions, the Board reconvened.

(Trustee Videva Dufresne left the meeting at this time.)

Chair Medeiros asked each Board Member present and President Douglas to share an item on their “bucket list.”

Trustee Todd McGhee – Expand business and start a new podcast.

Trustee Clark – Travel to Italy and Hawaii.

Trustee Ferreira – Buy a bigger boat.

Trustee Karam – Travel to Europe.

Chair Medeiros – Buy a dachshund.

President Douglas – Take a South African safari.

Trustee Motta – Travel to Spain.

Trustee Mathes – Travel to New Zealand.

Chair Medeiros thanked all for attending. She said Ms. Wordell would type up the notes from each group which will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Medeiros declared the Mini-Retreat adjourned. The time was 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary

05/01/2023
Date Approved

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