

Notes from Meeting #3

On Richard's Draft:

Richard has concerns about indigenous notation of time and what kind of dates should be used.

Jennifer: I like that it incorporates all the different parts of statements made before. Feels cohesive.

Steve: It looks long. No objection to the materials, but the size.

Janet: Tells a story. Quite beautiful.

Barbara: Oyster River Raid—what do you think of the title? I didn't want to write massacre. Deferring to Steve, Raid sounded better. Presented as a general bit of writing.

Steve: English date is the most consistent

Denise: I like how you were specific about the raid and the names of the people. I like how you encompassed the wholeness of the story.

Barbara: Is there consensus around the naming of the tribes?

Yes, there is consensus.

On Steve/Janet's Draft:

Steve: this is fitting in to the rubric's constraints. Title is an attention grabber. And it's a citation of an original document.

Janet Mackie: We favor this text b/c it is historically accurate. I think it is pretty balanced.

Carolyn: I like this one as well.

Janet Howland-Perkins: I liked the repetition of the phrase Oyster River Lay'd Waste

Richard: I like this copy as well. What about mentioning long names? Is it a proper use of space? Is it crucial that individual names are included?

Steve: The names should be remembered.

Janet Mackie: These individuals were important as leaders.

Anne: I appreciate everything Janet said; these are significant people and it's a matter of education, these names are very important.

Jennifer: These names are tangible breadcrumbs for people to be able to do their own research and learn more about Indigenous leaders.

Anne: Dispatch to Boston is important to mention.

On Carolyn's Draft

Carolyn: Some people wanted the treaty mentioned and some people wanted the date first, but I am OK with those recommendations.

Steve: if you try to do too much in a small sign, how can you capture all the injustice to Abenaki people. It takes away from the story.

Janet: I love the first lines.

Richard: The last sentence seemed to connect less well to the previous material.

Does settlement seem to work better or does stronghold?

Janet Mackie: Important to mention the peace treaty as it was the reason or the town to be destroyed.

On Janet Howland-Perkins's Draft

Janet Howland-Perkins: When the drafts came in, it was a great day. I thought, We are going to do this. I want to leave in the names and the quotation. Truth and reconciliation line is important as well to many of us.

Carolyn: I like the timeline. Is the time for Wabanaki arrival accurate?

Sheila: I like the 2017 mention!

Jennifer: Short and precise and captures the feeling/context of the

Steve: Dates need to be amended;

Timeline of Oyster River/Durham

12800 BC Wabanaki and their ancestors lived here

1635 Village of Oyster River settled by Europeans

1688-1699 Second Anglo-Wabanaki War

1687-1699 King William's War

1693 Breaking of the Treaty of Pemaquid; or: The treaty of 1693 is broken

1694 Oyster River Raid

1732 Town of Durham NH incorporated

2017 Durham is the 1st town in NH to recognize Indigenous People's Day, and truth and reconciliation ongoing

Janet and Michael: Town of Durham mention is important

Where was the plaque? On the bridge? In a park? Gateway to town?

By a sidewalk and by a highway and that was the heart and center of Durham. People agreed that the original placement was most likely the proper spot.