



Western Chapter Massachusetts Archaeological Society

We are happy to announce the **September 14th meeting** of the **Western Chapter Massachusetts Archaeological Society, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** at **Mt. Toby Meetinghouse, 194 Long Plain Road (Rte. 63), Leverett MA (tel: 413-548-9188).**

The meeting will *open to the public from 7:30 to 8:30* for a presentation: **Digging in the Field of Dreams: The Second Terrace at the Middleborough Little League Site, Dr. Curtiss Hoffman.** The Middleborough Little League Site (19-PL-520) sits on three terraces overlooking the Nemasket River and contains a wealth of pre-Contact materials, ranging in age from Early Archaic through Late Woodland. In addition to the usual suite of subsistence activities, the site was a location for the collection and redistribution of items used in ceremonies, both locally (e.g. at Wapanucket) and throughout the region. Previous excavation at the site centered on the highest, third terrace (1996 – 2008) and the lowest, first terrace (2009- 2014). Since 2015, we have been exploring the extremely productive small area of the second terrace, which has not been impacted by ballfield construction. Ongoing investigation of this portion of the site is the last piece to be added in order to nominate the entire site to the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Hoffman is professor of anthropology at Bridgewater State University, where he teaches courses in archaeology and cognitive anthropology. He has excavated at many sites in eastern and central Massachusetts during his career, and has worked at the Little League site since its discovery in 1996. He is the editor of the Bulletin of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and president of the Northeastern Anthropological Association.

Hope to see you there,

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