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NENAI CELEBRATION & CEREMONY DAY-- MAY 28, 2011

This day is to honor the mission of **NENAI** in promoting Eastern Woodland history and culture with ceremony, education and feasting. As part of the day we have chosen to pay special tribute to the Pegan Band of Nipmucs and the history of the last 26 acres of their homeland in Webster, MA. We have chronicled this with our publication "The Last Lands of the Pegans". This event is to pay tribute to all Eastern Woodland people with the activities listed below.

We invite anyone who is interested to come and share all or any part of this day.

The day will begin at **10:00AM at the field on George St** to include the following:

- ❖ A large rock monument (pictured above) has been placed at the soccer field on George St. Webster, MA, and a plaque has been created to be installed with a message commemorating the presence of the original inhabitants of this site-the Nipmucs.
- ❖ A ceremony to dedicate this monument will be open to all who wish to share in this experience
- ❖ A request to the town of Webster to designate the soccer field as a "park" so that it will remain a publicly used space.
- ❖ A permanent information sign that tells the history and significance of this location.
- ❖ Choosing an appropriate Native American name for this location
- ❖ A pot luck meal at the UCC Methodist Church next to the town hall in center of town. Please bring prepared food to share for this occasion if you would like to come-casserole, salad, non-alcoholic drinks, breads, desert, etc., enough to share with others.
- ❖ Power point presentation about 26 acres chronicled in our publication about the Nipmucs
- ❖ Native music -drumming, flute and dancing, and presentations about various Native topics.
- ❖ A program guide for the day

There are other possible features that have not been formally confirmed at this time, and will be included as they materialize.

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, or a volunteer for the event, please contact us by email or call 508 886-6073 to express your willingness to help.

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