



September 28, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Fairfield Museum and History Center is coordinating an exciting, multi-year project funded by the National Park Service's "American Battlefield Protection Program" to study the *Pequot Swamp Fight*, which was fought in present-day Southport on July 13-14, 1637. The battle was instrumental in the founding of our town. You are receiving this letter because your property is located on or near that important battlefield site and might hold information or archeological artifacts related to the battle.

We would like to know if you'd be willing to help us with this project. Have you recovered any Native American artifacts or early colonial objects such as round lead bullets, while you've lived at your address? Would you also be willing to allow a small group of professional archeologists to conduct a walking survey of your property for evidence of the battle? Participation in the survey is completely voluntary and no digging or other disruption of your property will occur. If any evidence is found, we will discuss options for further examination with you. Nothing will be done without your permission.

Enclosed is a packet with information on the American Battlefield Protection Program, a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions, and a brief history of the Pequot Swamp Fight. You can also learn more by visiting www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp or www.pequotwar.org.

We invite you to attend an informational session on this fascinating project on **Sunday, October 16 at 3pm**, at the Fairfield Museum. Archeologists Ashley Bissonnette and David Naumec from the Mashantucket Pequot Museum will be on hand to give an overview of the project and answer any questions you might have. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Katy Reed at the Fairfield Museum with any questions you may have: (203) 259-1598, kreed@fairfieldhs.org. These programs are made possible through the support of the National Park Service with additional thanks to the Southport Area Association and Pequot Runners.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Jehle".

Michael A. Jehle
Executive Director
Fairfield Museum and History Center

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