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## **The Roundtable Discussion Series: Words & Abenaki History**

BRATTLEBORO, VT—February 28, 2018—The public is invited to join **Peoples, Places, and the History of Words in Brattleboro, Vermont** (Brattleboro Words Project) for its second **Roundtable Discussion** on **Thursday, March 8, 2018** at **118 Elliot** from **6–7 pm**. This month, Leadership Team members **Rich Holschuh** (Vermont Commission for Native American Affairs) and **Joe Rivers** (Brattleboro Historical Society) will give a **presentation and lead a discussion** exploring indigenous **Abenaki** sites, experience, and use of their 12,000 year-old **Algonquian dialect** in the context of first contact with Europeans in the Brattleboro area, which they call **Wantastegok**. Roundtable participants are invited to share their knowledge of **Wantastegok**, Abenaki history, and Algonquian language and **enjoy native-inspired refreshments** during this **free program**.

**The Brattleboro Words Project** is a multi-year community research initiative backed by a **National Endowment for the Humanities** matching grant that works with schools and community members to produce **walking, biking, and driving tours** of the Brattleboro area, a **book** about Brattleboro’s publishing and printing history, and **exhibits** celebrating our area’s rich history of words. Each **second-Thursday** of the month, **The Roundtable Discussion Series** will present research and open a discussion on a different, “words-related” site in the Brattleboro area. The public is invited to share stories and thoughts with our research teams and scholars, and contribute to this unique community-wide effort. Visit [www.BrattleboroWordsProject.org](http://www.BrattleboroWordsProject.org) and [www.facebook.com/BrattleboroWords/](http://www.facebook.com/BrattleboroWords/) for more information.