

Walk 5 August 12

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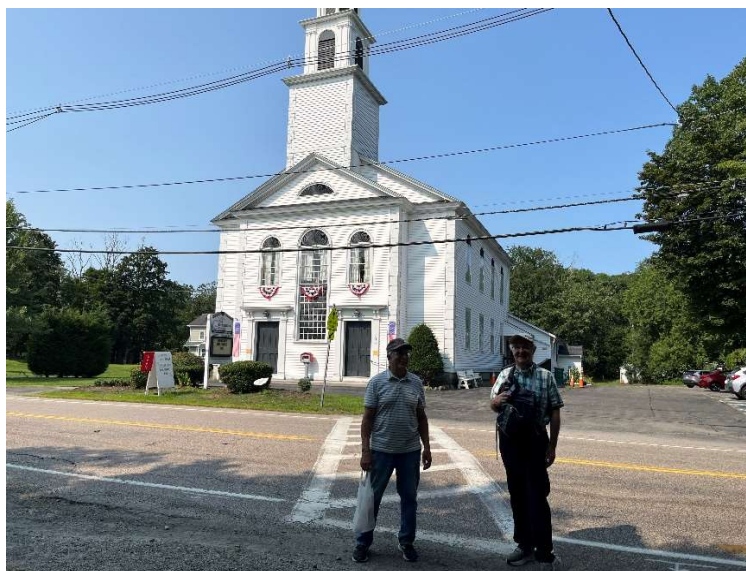
Washington Street North Attleboro MA to Pawtucket RI



Engineer and Planner: shaded



We left North Attleboro Center's John Woodcock Park to head southbound onto Washington St. as the AM rush-hour ended.



Early enough still for shadows to cool off walkers (lower left).

Across from a First Congregational church, we prepared for a regular-distance engagement, crossing into Attleboro and further on, into a new state.

It is said that some Congregational Churches were cauldrons of revolt when colonial-era pastors linked personal salvation and independence.

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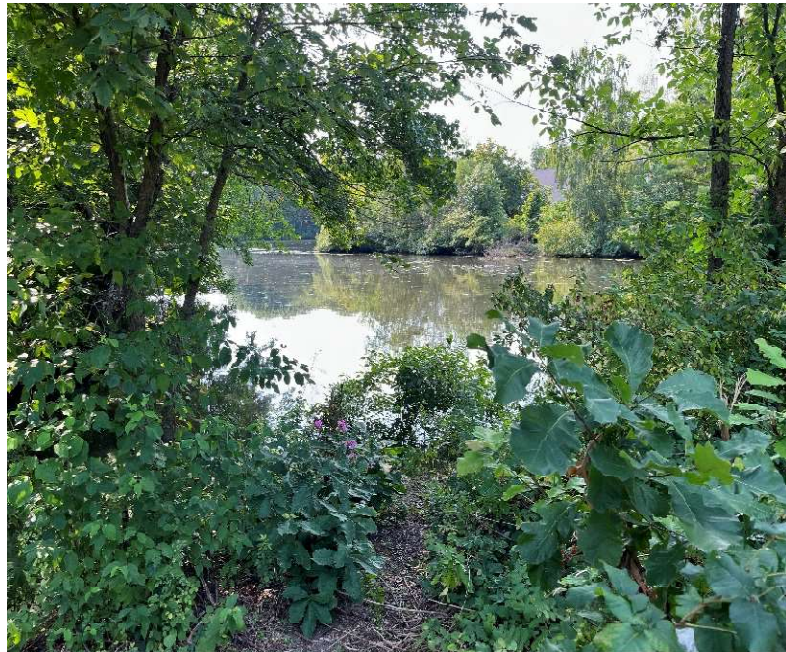
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On the right, a side street look at a pastoral enclave in Attleboro. Neary by, colonial troops may have passed on their way to the Post Road to travel south.

Was the pond's surface still frozen as General Washington passed here on April 6, 1776, not knowing exactly what to expect on the road ahead?

Mystery prevails both then and now.



On Attleboro's West Street, residential lots dominate as we walkers progressed toward Washington Street.

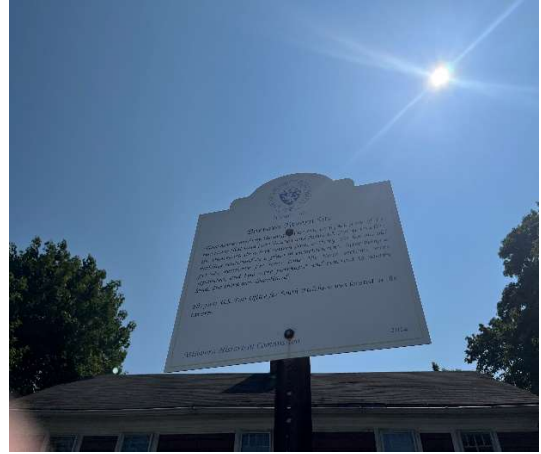
Sunflowers were up and stretching in the high heat of the day.

We kept a steady pace, enough for us to hold onto a good attitude and retain a good level of reserve. Just like an army.

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Two Attleboro (founded 1694) historical signs show Tingley-Tiffany house below (built 1723) where stone cutters, the Tingley's, let the property be used as a military training field.

A few decades later, the Tiffany family made glass and jewelry there.



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Chief Navigator PJ Dwyer keeps track of where we were headed with Chief Engineer DiGiovanni (at left).



At the corner of West St. and Rte. 1, South Attleboro, below, a colonial framed house is caught in present day distress: cleaning up or moving out or preparing for new occupants.



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Washington Walkers crossed over the Northeast Corridor Railroad line at left without a hitch, entering into the day's target: Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Three-plus hours walking, we were still strong aided by warm temps and bright sun.

We began to silently size up restaurants as we passed candidates on both sides of Newport Avenue.

Closing in In Cranston RI The Seekonk River, over the left side wall, lined our path near the center of town. Local residents left their bike path to us Washington Walkers finishing up for the day.

We notched 9 more miles on General Washington's newly formed army's 1776 march to New York. Two and a half centuries later, we closed with an eager colonial army cheer: Huzzah!

