

Popham400

Minutes

July 18, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Bill Murray, *Co Chair*
Bill Perkins, *Co Chair*
Bill Racine, *Treasurer*
Pat Percy, *Fundraising*
Connie Shiebler, *Programs*
Diane Racine, *Secretary*

Absent:

Caroline Hutchinson
Brian Murray, *Public Safety*

GENERAL:

The preliminary program for the Popham 400th Anniversary, as outlined by Bob Butler, will be used as a general guideline for the scheduling of events. The events will take place over a four-day period, from Thursday August 23, 2007 through Sunday, August 26, 2007. Four committee chairpersons have been assigned as follows:

Pat Percy, Fundraising
Connie Shiebler, Programs
Brian Murray, Public Safety
Popham Circle, Hospitality

Connie Shiebler will contact Martha Streeter, Alice Trask and PBI A in order to reserve the Popham Chapel, Chapel House, and Popham Library. The reservation should include several additional days, prior and following the event, for preparation and cleanup.

Connie also expressed concern about the finalization of Popham400 logo. Advertising and merchandise orders should begin this August 2006. Bill Murray will contact Bev Bevilacqua to discuss out the status of the design.

PROGRAMS:

- *Popham Dig Reunion:* Michael Hamer, Executive Director of the Friends of the Maine State Museum, is planning a reunion at Sebasco Harbor

Resort for the “Popham Dig” participants and has expressed interest in coordinating the gathering around the celebration.

- Episcopal Service: Rev. John Beaven has a committee working on the Episcopal Service. Rt. Rev. Chilton R Knudsen has agreed to perform the Sunday service from 10:00AM – 11:00AM. The Popham Chapel Trustees will be asked to host a reception following the service.
- Other groups: David Unger (grant writer) mentioned that other entities are looking forward to getting involved, such as a re-enactor group from Pemaquid.
- Bath Municipal Band: Bill Perkins will schedule the Bath Municipal Band for Thursday, August 23rd, 5:30 PM at Fort Popham.
- Peobody Pew: The play, “Peobody Pew,” will be held at the Popham Chapel, following the Bath Municipal Band, Thursday, August 23rd at 7:15 PM.
- Maine’s First Ship: Maine’s First Ship will have daily events, conducted by Bud Warren, at the Popham Library. The Virginia may not be completed in time for Popham400, but they will have displays, models, and show the Virginia under construction at the Maine Maritime Museum.
- Popham Dig Artifacts: The Maine State Museum (Augusta) will have a small collection at the library during Popham400. A larger collection will be displayed at the Maine Maritime Museum (Bath) from May through October, and will return to the Maine State Museum, in Augusta.
- Children’s programs: Jan Murray may plan a children’s event at the Chapel House prior to Flare Night. She will make hats and noisemakers in preparation for the parade. Bill Perkins will contact Merry Chapin to see if she would like to get the Phippsburg students involved with this event or perhaps in some other area of the celebration. Gloria Gray should be contacted also.
- Flare Night: Flare Night will be held on Friday, August 24th. The children’s parade starts at the Fort Baldwin parking lot at 7:15 PM. Bill Murray will determine the exact time for the lighting of the flares. He also plans to get three new costumes for the parade mascots.
- Taste of Phippsburg: Area restaurants are being contacted to see if there is interest in having them sponsor food tables from 4:00PM – 7:00PM, under the tent, prior to Flare Night, August 24th.
- Clam Bake: Glenn Theall is planning a clambake Saturday, August 25th from 6:00PM – 7:00 PM.
- Phippsburg Elementary School Band: If the band students can participate during their summer vacation, it would be nice to have them perform during the clambake on Saturday, August 25th. Bill Perkins will check with the band instructor, Kathy Downing.
- Fireworks: Glenn Theall is currently raising funds, at his restaurant, for a firework display on Saturday night, August 25th.
- Opening Ceremonies: Pat Percy has contacted several politicians to speak at the opening ceremonies. The timing of this event will be determined by their schedules. If many accept, some participants may

have to come Friday, August 24th. Pat thought that firm commitments may not be finalized until 2 months prior to the event.

- Military Band: Pat will contact Jay Cummings concerning a Military Band. Sunday afternoon, at Fort Popham, would be the best place and time for this event.

HOSPITALITY:

Five members from the Popham Circle are serving on this committee. The committee plans to rent a large tent to be erected on the Chapel grounds. This committee will provide food services and other events under the tent and may also serve some beverages at Fort Popham, if the state permits. This group is also coordinating the "Taste of Phippsburg" event.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Brian Murray will coordinate with Phippsburg Fire and Rescue, the Phippsburg, County and State police, and other State Park officials concerning assistance for public safety.

FUNDRAISING:

Pat Percy needs a working budget this fall in order to apply for grant money. Expenses to be considered are busing and drivers, police duty, trash and recycling removal, etc. Each committee should consider expenses in order to prepare the budget. The money will be kept under the PBIA organization.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24th, at 7:00 PM, at the Popham Chapel House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Racine, Secretary