

Popham 400th

Minutes

January 4, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Bill Murray, *Co Chair*

Bill Perkins, *Co Chair*

Connie Shiebler, *Programs*

Caroline Hutchinson, *Popham Circle*

Brian Murray, *Public Safety*

Bill Racine, *Treasurer*

Diane Racine, *Secretary*

Bill Murray presented a preliminary budget combining the proposed activities of the four organizations; Maine's First Ship, Maine Maritime Museum, Maine State Museum, and the Popham 400th Committee. The four groups are meeting Tuesday, January 7th, to revise the budget and discuss revenue sources.

Connie passed out beautiful new stationary and envelopes displaying the Popham 400th logo. She mentioned that copies of all correspondence should be given to the secretary for our records. The stationary has been generously donated by Connie!

Joseph Nowak has several ideas for children's programs. They included a road race from Fort Baldwin to Fort Popham, an historical scavenger hunt, and sand castle or fort building contests on the beach. We will invite him to a future meeting to present his ideas. Committee members suggested having rewards for these events such as ribbons or ice cream certificates from Percy's and/or Spinney's Restaurant.

A local church group has expressed interest in having a three-day food booth. It was suggested to offer them one of the small, donated tents and locate the booth between the Chapel and Chapel House.

Bill Perkins will contact Panda to add additional electrical outlets in necessary places, such as the Chapel and Fort Popham grounds.

Connie will contact the U.S. Air Force "Band of Liberty," located in Bedford Massachusetts, to see if they would be available to play at our celebration. This band is a "fully funded" military band and regularly tours around New England.

Connie will write to the different organizations, which are tentatively scheduled for the four-day event, to confirm their participation. We will make the necessary deposits for the different venues, including the large tent for the Chapel grounds.

Bill Perkins, Bill Murray, and Brian Murray mentioned that they would be meeting with Charles Norris concerning the issue of transportation.

“Maine Street Bath” is planning to use “Four Hundred Years of Ship Building” as their theme for the Fourth of July weekend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Racine