

# Popham 400th

## Minutes

### July 17, 2007

#### **Attendance:**

Bill Murray, *Co-Chair*  
Bill Perkins, *Co-Chair*  
Caroline Hutchinson, *Popham Circle*  
Steve Norris, *Website*  
Norma Flaherty, *Popham Circle*  
Diane Marchetti, *Popham Circle*  
Jan Murray, *Popham Circle*  
Connie Shiebler, *Programs*  
Janet Gilnack, *Publicity*  
Diane Racine, *Secretary*

#### **Programs:**

*Opening Ceremonies:* Plans for opening ceremonies are basically complete. Most invitation responses have been returned.

*Taste of Sagadahoc:* The Popham Circle has confirmed the following restaurants; Anna's Water's Edge, Edgewater Farm B & B, Kennebec Tavern & Marina, Lobster House, Mae's Café, Mary Ellenz, Sebasco Harbor Resort, Starlight Café, and Taste of Europe. Connie is preparing framed certificates for each vendor as a thank you for their participation in the event.

*17<sup>th</sup> Century Society of Reenactors:* Paul & Connie Shiebler are preparing a scaled map to identify space for each of the tent site locations on the Fort Baldwin grounds.

*Castlebay:* Castlebay will be located in Fort Popham. A sound system will be available if needed.

*Flare Night:* The Flare Night parade will start at 7:15PM, with the ringing of the church bell, from the Fort Baldwin parking lot. Jan Murray reported that two bagpipers will lead the parade, followed by three historical representatives. (Bill Perkins reserved their costumes from Drapeau's of Lisbon and Bud Warren is preparing signs boards for their identification.) Other participants include, the Stevens family and Popham 400<sup>th</sup> Chairpersons riding in vintage convertibles, Phippsburg fire trucks, which will start at the base of Fort Baldwin Road, Popham family members, and Phippsburg Recreation children. Norma is also trying to locate Miss Popham, from the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The parade will loop around the Fort Popham parking area. David Percy will oversee the beach bonfire

following the parade. Flares will be sold at the library and Percy's Store, after publicity signs have been posted two weeks prior to the date.

*Craft Vendors:* Twenty-eight vendors will be under the large tent and nineteen others will provide individual pop-up tents. The Popham Circle is receiving proceeds of \$25.00 for local residents, and \$50.00 for nonresidents. Vendors will be allowed to set up tables and pop up tents between 4:00PM and 6:00PM on Friday, or can wait until Saturday morning. All participants will receive a purple identification card for their vehicles. One vehicle is allowed per vendor.

*Band Concert:* The Quarter Central Brass Band was selected to play at Fort Popham on Saturday night from 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

*Church Service:* Phippsburg Clergy and church congregations have been invited to attend the service.

*Church Reception:* Discussions concerning music at the reception was tabled until we hear about additional funding.

*Closing Ceremonies:* The theme "The Future Looks at the Past" will serve as our program guide. Bill Perkins and Bill Murray will be the master of ceremonies. Participants will include representatives from the town, Popham family, Native people, historian, and a politician.

**Advertising:** Janet Gilnack shared two draft press releases for review. The first was a general description of the historical significance of the Popham 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, along with Jeffrey P. Brain's archeological investigations, and an outline of the various events planned for the four-day celebration. A second press release describes the history of the Popham Circle, it's various fundraisers supporting the Chapel & Chapel House, including the sale of raffle tickets for a Popham 400<sup>th</sup> quilt, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other Popham 400<sup>th</sup> items, a "Circle Café," bake sale, the "Taste of Sagadahoc" and crafters vendors. Janet plans to prepare additional press releases as the celebration approaches

**Website:** Steve Norris continues to update the Popham 400<sup>th</sup> website with the calendar of events and other information as it is provided.

**Public Safety:** Crooker & Sons will be loaning two electric sign boards.

**Insurance:** Bill Murray will finalize details concerning our insurance policy, along with the requirements of "certificates of insurance" for separate vendors.

**The next meeting of the Popham 400<sup>th</sup> Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 7:00 PM, at the Popham Chapel House.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Racine, Secretary