

Popham 400th

Minutes

March 1, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Bill Murray, *Co Chair*
Bill Perkins, *Co Chair*
Connie Shiebler, *Programs*
Bud Warren, *Maine's First Ship*
Jean Scott, *Fundraising*
Caroline Hutchinson, *Popham Circle*
Steve Norris, *Website*
Shelly Gilliam, *Transportation*
Diane Racine, *Secretary*

Senator Paula Benoit scheduled a workshop for Sunday, March 4th at Mae's Café in Bath, to discuss the progress and developments of the Popham 400th celebration. Sixteen guests, included from Maine's First Ship, Friends of Maine State Museum, Phippsburg Historical Preservation, Friends of Phippsburg, Maine Maritime Museum, and the Nature Conservancy, were invited to attend. Each group was given six minutes to orally review their plans for the celebration plus provide a written copy of their budget. Senator Benoit submitted a bill to the State of Maine requesting funds for support of the Popham 400th project.

A Public Safety meeting was scheduled for March 14th at noon to review preliminary plans with representatives from various organizations, including the Phippsburg Fire Department, State Park, Police, County Deputies, DOT, and others. Satellite parking and bus transportation were discussed with our new Transportation Coordinator, Shelly Gilliam.

Insurance costs for the event will be finalized when the program outline is complete. The preliminary program is now displayed on the Popham 400th website.

Bill Murray recommended adding 20% of the preliminary budget to be included in a contingency fund for unanticipated expenses.

Bud Warren invited Barry Dana, from the Penobscot Tribe, to participate in the four-day celebration. Members from the tribe will not be able to attend the opening or closing ceremonies due to scheduling conflicts.

Maine's First Ship and Maine Maritime Museum will have a ten-day canoe building demonstration at the Museum. Also planned is a demonstration of clay house construction, also known as Wattle and Daub. It was suggested to have a sampling of these activities located at Popham during the four-day celebration.

The Maine State Museum will be hosting an event for Popham guests at Sebasco. Maine's First Ship plans to host an additional event for Popham visitors at the Maine Maritime Museum.

The annual meeting of Maine's First Ship has been scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, 2007, (one week before the Popham celebration.)

The next meeting of the Popham 400th Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007, 7:00 PM, at the Totman Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Racine