

Popham 400th

Minutes

May 3, 2007

Attendance:

Bill Murray, *Co-Chair*

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Connie Shiebler, *Programs*

Jean Scott, *Fundraising*

Brian Murray, *Public Safety*

Janet Gilnack

Diane Racine, *Secretary*

Public Safety: The Public Safety subcommittee is meeting May 22, 2007 at 9:30AM at the Phippsburg Town Hall. Concerns were raised about the damage to the Fort Baldwin Road by the recent spring storm. The Road Commissioner has looked over the road and may not have it repaired in time for the celebration. Alternative sites will have to be considered for some of the events, such as the opening ceremonies.

Advertising: Steve Norris, Bill Perkins, and Bill Murray drafted a “fold-out” program of the Popham 400th events. Jackie Oliver will design the final brochure and copies will be distributed to approximately 1,000 Phippsburg taxpayers. Brochures will also be available at local bed & breakfasts, campgrounds, Sebasco, etc. The Popham Circle ladies have volunteered to fold and prepare the brochure for mailing. Bill Racine will send \$32.00 to the Phippsburg Town Office for payment of the mailing labels.

Program: Connie Shiebler distributed a copy of an updated schedule of events.

Janet Gilnack volunteered to prepare a map showing the location of each venue.

The Phippsburg Historical Society has expressed interest in participating in the event.

Kathy Downing has not confirmed that the Phippsburg Band will be available for the opening or closing ceremonies. Other musicians will be contacted are Dick Hankinson and John Teller, Executive Director of the Midcoast Symphony Orchestra.

Brian Murray will contact the Ham Radio club who expressed an interest in attending our event. He will also contact a representative from Bay Point and update them about our plans for “Flare Night” and the fireworks.

Opening Ceremonies: Opening ceremony invitations will be sent out by the Popham 400th Committee. “Attendees” and “participants” will be determined using Pat Percy and Bud Warren’s list, including Popham & Gilbert family descendants, Phippsburg leaders, and prominent families.

Insurance: Bill Murray contacted Cross Insurance. They additional need information from the firework’s company about their “limits of liability.” They also want to make sure that the Taste of Sagadahoc vendors all have “certificates of insurance.” The insurance company also raised questions about the band concert, not realizing that it wasn’t “rock” band, and also the beach bonfire.

The next meeting of the Popham 400th Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at the Popham Chapel House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Racine, Secretary