



## Maine Historical Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2023  
3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Location: Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Howard Lowell, Kevin Johnson, Kat Stefko, Steve Bromage, Pat Dunn, Larissa Vigue Picard, Anna Flaherty

**Board Members Absent:** Donald Soctomah, Earle Shettleworth, Jill Piekut Roy

**MSA Staff Members Present:** Kate McBrien (ex-officio), Tammy Marks

**Public Attendance:** None

Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm by Kate McBrien

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Kate McBrien welcomed everyone to the meeting and recited the land acknowledgment which is offered by the Maine State Archives at each Maine Historical Records Advisory Board meeting.

### **Welcome**

Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized a quorum.

### **MHRAB Funding**

Kate verified that MHRAB had \$860 in grant funds. Of that amount, \$500 was earmarked for Anne Ackerson's final invoice. The remaining \$360 is for ads/postage/workshops.

## **Two Public Programs This Fall**

As part of the grant requirements, MHRAB is planning on two public programs this fall. The first workshop, scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm, is a collaboration with Dr. Jane Anderson from New Zealand and James Francis from the Penobscot Nation. The goal is to spread the word about local context and traditional knowledge labels, which are used by the Abby Museum and Hudson Museum in Maine. The second workshop is a disaster response training, which could be offered as a webinar to reach a wider audience. The discussion also touches on the possibility of a different topic, as the National Historical Resources Council (NHRC) recently conducted a low-cost disaster preparedness workshop at the Portland Museum of Art as part of a grant program. The participants are open to suggestions for other approaches or topics, and the conversation continues to evolve.

## **MHRAB Framework Strategic Plan**

The Board discussed the Strategic Plan going through the document section by section. There were some grammatical changes to the plan and an edit to include the Cultural Affairs Council along with the Cultural Alliance of Maine and the Maine Archives and Museums in the collaboration language of the Public Awareness and Advocacy section. There was discussion on getting a part time staff person to assist the Board with administrative functions and planning needed moving forward.

Board Members voted on approving the strategic plan with edits included. The voting was as follows: Howard Lowell, yes; Kevin Johnson, yes; Kat Stefko, yes; Steve Bromage, yes; Pat Dunn, yes; Larissa Vigue Picard, yes; Anna Flaherty, yes; all present voted to approve the strategic plan.

Goals for the next meeting scheduled for **November 8th** will be ideas for implementing the strategic plan.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm