



CITY OF BANGOR – AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 5:15PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Airport statistics – August & September (if available), 2016. (Materials presented at meeting.)
2. Request from the Bangor Historical Society (See the attached memo and diagram.)

“Drums on the Penobscot: A Civil War Experience”

July 28-30, 2017 (tentative)

Presented by the Bangor Historical Society

Purpose

In an effort to promote an interest in regional history the Bangor Historical Society (BHS) is planning a weekend-long event focused on the roles of Mainers, civilians and soldiers alike, during the Civil War. “Drums on the Penobscot” is being designed as an interactive, experiential opportunity for Civil War enthusiasts as well as the general public. The BHS planning committee will invite Civil War re-enactors, historians and authors to create a robust experience.

Events

Events would be scheduled to begin the evening of Friday, July 28 through early afternoon on Sunday, July 30, 2017.

The event committee, which is comprised of BHS staff, re-enactors, community members and others, have outlined the following activities as part of the weekend.

- A Civil War encampment. Participants will include both civilian and military re-enactors.
- Skirmishes involving Confederate and Union re-enactors.
- A firing competition.
- Artillery demonstrations.
- Living history and exhibits.
- Children’s activities.
- Speakers and workshops. The UMA-Bangor gymnasium would be an excellent location for this part of the symposium.
- A dress parade.
- A contradance.
- A field hospital demonstration.
- *Cognac with Chamberlain*, an event involving noted Civil War re-enactor Ted Chamberlain, who portrays Joshua L. Chamberlain and shares a common ancestor with him.
- An exchange of prisoners among Confederate and Union units.
- A court martial and the mock execution of a Union deserter. This could be based on events involving an actual convicted deserter from Hampden.

Location

The desired location for the events uses a combination of property owned by the City of Bangor/Bangor International Airport and the University of Maine at Augusta.

The site roughly encompasses:

- The UMA-Bangor gymnasium and the surrounding open space stretching toward (but not as far as) the building housing the UMA dental hygienist program; Belfast Hall; Lincoln Hall; the MPBN building; and the UMA-Bangor offices nearer Maine Avenue. This property is all located within the winding curve of Texas Avenue.
- The city-owned property immediately across Texas Avenue from the site of the former Dow Air Force Base chapel (torn down within the last two years). Only a few acres would be involved on this property.
- With fewer students on campus during July, the parking lots at the various nearby UMA-Bangor buildings could be utilized by symposium re-enactors and visitors.

This location was identified for the resources it provides, while still remaining close to downtown amenities, including hotels, restaurants and other activities. The proposed site provides ample parking, open space for events like the encampment, interior spaces for lectures and workshops and service facilities like restrooms.

