

SACO-BIDDEFORD CULTURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes from December 13, 2005
Meeting held at North Dam Mill, Biddeford

Attendees:

Tammy Ackerman	Chris Betjemann	Diane Bowie Zaitlin
John Bubier	Pam Johnson	Judith Kinsman
Ann-Marie Mariner	Diane Noble	Bonnie Pothier
Kim Roseberry	Doug Sanford	Don Sharland
Andrea Strassner	David Versel	Rachael Weyand

Meeting opened at 3:45 PM. Doug conducted a tour of North Dam Mill to show what is being done to use arts and culture to fill up historic mill space

Meeting focused on planning January 20, 2006 public outreach event. Ideas included:

- Make it happy hour time (4-7 PM)
- Hold the event at the mill-people are curious about what is happening inside
- Make sure there is a full-scale press effort—need to let people know about the event
- Make it free—admission charge will limit size of audience
- What is purpose of the event?
 - Educate community about cultural plan
 - Get feedback from wide range of people
 - Expose public to local arts and culture
 - Have fun!
- Have multiple venues within the mill, get people moving around and seeing/talking to each other
- Get local restaurants to donate food.
- Get Chamber of Commerce involved in the process.

Subcommittee meeting to plan event was set for Tuesday, 12/20.

Next committee meeting is at Franco-American Cultural Center at Martin Community Center (Alfred Street, Biddeford), Tuesday January 10, 4:00 PM

Meeting closed at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Versel