



## **INFO/RESOURCES**

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## **LEADERSHIP:**

Chairman: Sen. Bill Diamond

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Events/Programs Subcommittee Chairman: Alison Sucy, Maine Tourism Association, director of government affairs

Education Subcommittee Chairman: Heather Perry, Gorham School Department, superintendent

Marketing Subcommittee Chairman: Rep. Jim Handy

Finance Subcommittee Chairman: Dana Connors, Maine Chamber of Commerce, president

## **BACKGROUND:**

Legislation creating the Commission, sponsored by Rep. Jim Handy, was LD 1143 of the 128th Maine Legislature.

“Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine”

[http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills\\_128th/chapters/RESOLVE25.asp](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_128th/chapters/RESOLVE25.asp). The commission met for the first time on Jan. 12, 2018 and again on April 11, June 14 and Aug. 30. Subcommittees have been meeting actively. The logo design and web design are donated by Meredith Strang Burgess and her team at Burgess Advertising & Marketing in Falmouth.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Maine200 logo and slogan
- Maine200 website and social media feeds
- Mission and vision statements
- Fundraising outreach packet with patron levels
- Preliminary planning of programs and events
- Educational guidelines for bicentennial curriculum and programs
- Non-profit status for Maine200

## **GOALS:**

- Host three signature events: A kickoff celebration in July 2019; a Statehood Day commemoration in March 2020; and a closing event in October 2020 with completion of a time capsule
- Support and host ongoing programs that promote an appreciation of Maine’s history, in all its complexity, and its present people and resources, while inspiring ideas and actions toward a bright future
- Encourage individuals, organizations and businesses around the State to embrace the bicentennial and create their own contributions to this commemoration

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