



History Trust: Notes from our first meeting

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who attended our History Trust meeting on August 4, 2016. Thanks also to Machias Savings Bank for generously hosting us. The thirty-seven people in attendance came from seventeen organizations. It was a pleasure to meet with all of you and to hear so many thoughtful and insightful comments.

Here are links where you will find [Ron Beard's meeting notes](#), [Roz Rea's meeting notes](#), and a copy of the [History Trust PowerPoint presentation](#).

A small group agreed to a follow up meeting for the purpose of drafting vision and mission statements for the History Trust. Several organizations were given copies of "The Nonprofit Merger Handbook" to facilitate internal discussions within each potential participating organization.

As we concluded the meeting, Ron invited all the participants to express how they felt about the value of moving forward. While recognizing the sobering amount of work required, there was consensus that the benefits will be worth the effort, and that we should continue to pursue the goal of creating a History Trust. We'll continue to keep you informed on further developments and meeting times. If you have questions, comments, or would like to get involved, [please email me at tim.garrity@mdihistory.org](mailto:tim.garrity@mdihistory.org).

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