

Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Private Historical Archive MINUTES

June 9, 2023

Attending: Tom Watson, Jeff Keefe, Chuck Doleac, Richard Candee, Alan Cohen, Tom Hardiman, Sue Sterry, Elizabeth Farish, Emma Stratton. Not attending: Kristen Peterson

Approval of 05/26/2023 Minutes

Introductions - our guests:

Rodney Obien and Brian Burford

Possible funding:

Look at Moose plate \$10k for public records - looking for collaborative projects - could pay to assess the needs - pay NEDCC or another group

NEH \$8k for assessments or conservation - engineering survey

NHPRC grant from National Archives for citizen archivist training - good to get the citizens involved, touching reading the documents, then they feel invested.

Look at private Mellon, Ford entities for the bigger, longer funding

And yes, focus on the educational aspects and giving greater access to records; Break down the walls

Consider the types of archives - video? audio? What else is not paper? That will determine many of the needs

Multiple levels of access - some private records - and not all we have will go to this shared space

We don't want to compete among our groups - for money or anything else

Things like IP issues - would it go through groups or the new entity?

What are the policies - how much local control? Recognize the human interests and concerns and recognize those will change as the players change.

What about catalogs like Past Perfect - separately but somehow into a seamless search.

Plan for building additions - but staffing may not increase. Staff of 9 at State Archives still a staff of 9 after 27 years.