

Rhode Island Historical Records Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting – June 10, 2015

Rhode Island State Archives

337 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

Attending: Maria Bernier, Donna DiMichele, Russell Franks, Michael Hebert, Marlene Lopes, and Gwenn Stearn, chair.

Not attending: Jane Civins, Allison Cywin, Jonathan Galli, Stephen Grimes, Peggy Long, and Dave Maslyn.

Meeting called to order: 10:10 a.m.

I Minutes of meeting – May 6, 2015

Approval of the minutes was deferred due to a lack of quorum.

II News and announcements

Bernier informed members of the co-location of the Westerly Historical Society to the carriage house addition on the site of the Babcock Smith Museum. Both entities are sharing library space. The Historical Society is using the vault for storage of their collections while the Museum constructs a new vault for their holdings.

Collections will not be co-mingled but are now under the same roof. A ribbon cutting took place during the Memorial Day weekend.

DiMichele remarked on a collaboration of the State Archives Local Government Records Program, the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), Ocean State Libraries, and librarians from the Cranston and Warwick public libraries to update the records retention schedule for libraries, first released in 2001.

Stearn announced that the State Archives has a new exhibit for the summer, entitled Historic Odds, Ends and Other Curiosities.

III Continuing review of the current strategic plan

The Board continued and completed its review. Discussion concerning the revised draft strategic plan and incorporations thereto will take place at the September 2nd meeting.

IV Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Approved 9/2/2015