Public / Private Archive for Portsmouth History

Trying to separate the mission of the Committee from the mission of the ultimate facility is difficult at this time. Although we have discussed and agreed upon (some) details in our meetings, I suggest some of the broad concepts that I would like to see as well as those suggested so far.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF MISSION - an outline

1. The Archive will be composed of member organizations including but not limited to the Portsmouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth Historical Society, Strawbery Banke Museum and the City of Portsmouth. Individuals who have significant collections will be encouraged to use the facility through the member organizations.
2. The scope of collections will be tied to the scope of the member organizations collections policies.
3. The scale and form of three dimensional archived materials needs definition.
4. Archival material should not be collected directly by the Archive but through the member organizations. The Archive will not own the archived materials.
5. Research and Education are an important part of the Archive and will function collaboratively with the member organizations.
6. The Archive will have a Portsmouth centric mission that may include relevant materials from nearby communities.