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From: Annabelle Smith <ASmith@historyassociates.com>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Persampieri, Nick <nick.persampieri@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Cost Estimate for HAI's Sixth Vermont Public Records Act Request

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Hi Nick,

Thank you for the update!

We would like to proceed with the sixth request, and we are ok with applying the processing charges of approximately \$341.70 against our remaining balance of \$347.70.

Thank you and have a great weekend!
Annabelle

Annabelle Smith (she/her)

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From: Persampieri, Nick <nick.persampieri@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:13 AM
To: Annabelle Smith <ASmith@historyassociates.com>
Subject: Cost Estimate for HAI's Sixth Vermont Public Records Act Request

Annabelle,

I write to provide a cost estimate for the sixth Vermont Public Records Act request of History Associates, Inc. The request was emailed to us by James Mitchell on July 18, 2022, at 8:16:48 AM

As I have previously advised you, our office charges requesters for the staff time associated with complying with public records requests. 1 V.S.A. § 316(c). The first 30 minutes of staff time is free. Id. Beyond 30 minutes, we follow the Secretary of State's (SOS) Uniform Charges Schedule, available on the SOS's website. <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/manage/information-governance/compliance/uniformcharges-schedule/> In short, for an attorney's time spent fulfilling your request, we charge \$0.57/minute; for other staff time we charge \$0.45/minute, except when

the time spent is photocopying pages. In the latter case, we charge \$0.33/minute. If hard copies are requested, the Uniform Charges Schedule provides for those costs, as well. The request asked that we provide a cost estimate if costs exceed \$250.

We estimate that it will require approximately 670 minutes, beyond the 30 free minutes, divided evenly between lawyers and paralegals- approximately \$ 341.70- to collect and review the requested records, analyze the potential applicability of statutory exemptions from disclosure, perform any necessary redactions and prepare records for production. As I advised you in my May 19, 2023 letter, you provided an advance payment of \$2,070.40 for the last request that we processed and we incurred charges of \$1,622.70 in processing that request. We are thus holding on to a balance of \$347.70. If it is acceptable to you, we can apply the charges that we incur for the sixth request against the remaining balance. Please let me know if you would like us to proceed to process the sixth request, and if you are ok with us applying the processing charges against the \$347.70 remaining balance.

We have also started to pull records responsive to your third request for purposes of preparing a cost estimate for that request.

Thank you.

Nick

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