

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

Saturday October 7, 2017

10am

2 Buttonball Lane - Archives - 2nd floor

Attending: Bachelder, Cherin, Turner, Wood.

Absent: Snyder

1: The Commission received from Charles Agar a circa 1900's photograph of the Dalzell Axle works with gratitude. Margaret Cherin will enter it into the archives and send a release letter and our letter of thanks for this gift.

2: Margaret Cherin updated the Commission on the North Egremont Baptist Church archives and the cataloguing by Molly McGowan, and an invoice has been submitted. Rebecca Turner updated the Commission on Neil Larsen's work on the MACRIS files for this section; and the installation of all the MACRIS materials in new binders; Bill Wood updated us on the work of Doug Harris and the preservation of Ceremonial Landscapes. A donation of \$500 has been requested by them to fund their work. The Commission feels funding at a state or federal level would be more appropriate for their work.

3: Susan Bachelder updated the Commission on the status of the de-accessioning process the ATC is undertaking at the Kellogg Conservancy Center and the HPR now in negotiations with Historic New England. We expect further information later this year on this ongoing process.

4: The Commission authorized an expenditure of \$200 to acquire from Brian Gwozdz, a rare book dealer in Waitsfield Mass., an Egremont Ledger from Joseph Benjamin.

5: The Commission fully endorses the fundraising efforts now underway in town to help fill the gap between the projected costs of the new foundation and the Town's own purse. A copy of the letter was distributed to the members for review and promotion. The Commission also authorized the purchase of post cards with our historic buildings, the School, the Congregational Church, and the Academy Building, to help promote this effort and as an ongoing outreach and fundraiser at the Archives.

6: The zoning issues of 64 Main Street were discussed. The Commission has strongly endorsed a proposed sale and has urged our ZBA to do everything in its powers to effect an immediate re-zoning, variance, or any other mechanism that will allow the continued use of this historic property.

Submitted: October 10, 2017 Susan Bachelder