

**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE:** 3/7/22 @ 10:00 AM**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Douglas Cooper, Beth Wood, Richard Burdsall, Eileen Vining, Francis Nestor**DISTRIBUTION:** Attendees, town website, Bill Wood**LOCATION:** Archive Room, Egremont Library, 1 Button Ball La

<b>Discussion</b>		<b>Action By/Date</b>
1.	<b>General</b>	
a.	2/7/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2.	<b>New Business</b>	
	a.. EHC to retain an archivist to assist with organization of the archives. RT to identify potential consultants.	RT 1/22
	b.. RT to reach out to Margaret Cherin for a proposal and schedule	
a.	Upcoming Town Meetings as appropriate based on posted agenda	EHC - On-Going
3.	<b>EHC Focus for 2022</b>	On-going
4.	1. Demo Delay - DC 2. MACRIS 3. Oral History Project – BK/RB 4. Archives – RT 5. Website update – FN with support from Carolyn Alexander	
6.	<b>Website</b>	
a.	EHC members to review website and forward comments on revisions by FN	EHC
b.	Added link to OHP	
c.	Update ongoing	FN
7.	<b>Academy Building Structural stabilization and ADA upgrade</b>	
a.	Selected items secured in office pending completion of project	
b.	Vitrines locked, town will protect	
c.	Base scope was structural stabilization	
d.	ADA ramp may be delayed due to scheduling	
e.	Remove safe	RT
f.	EHC to use this opportunity to revamp exhibition	
8.	<b>MACRIS Phase 5</b>	
a.	Schedule – On track 11/21: Start work 6/22: Complete work	LA/RT
9.	<b>Egremont Newsletter</b>	BK 3/29
a.	Future article ideas 1. Shun Toll road – early way round to avoid paying the toll a. Owner: Neal and Rene Goff, 304 Egremont Plain Road, 917-541-4034 b. House has been moved c. Old Mill 2. Jug End 3. Prospect Lake 4. Pinecrest Hill 5. Kenver 6. Col. Smiley	
10.	<b>Archive collection/organization/layout</b>	1/2022
a.	EHC to discuss revised goals, program and plans for the archives	On-going
b.	RT developed a dimensioned floor plan of the archive room. Will add dimensions	RT 7/7/21
8.	<b>Demolition delay by-law</b>	On-going
a.	Strategy 1. ZBA Option: Mary’s comment was unclear – RT to reach out for clarification is this part of zoning law or general bylaw, what is the difference in the process 2. Lessons learned from previous attempts at creating a Demo Bylaw – Bill Wood/Beth Wood 3. Reach out to Lenox HC for advice and lessons learned	BW/EW/DC RT
b.	Major Concerns 1. Buildings of historic significance will be renovated to a degree that no historic value will remain, ref.	RT 3/7

	<p>Salem Ma. DD. RT to send slides</p> <p>2. Definition of demolition – what % or how to describe the extent of demo that triggers the DD bylaw</p> <p>3. Buildings at risk</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jug End – owned by Mass Fish and Wildlife, buildings documented in MACRIS</li> <li>b. Cong. Church</li> <li>c. Baldwin Hill homes</li> <li>d. N. Eg. School</li> <li>e. Pinecrest Hill homes</li> <li>f. Prospect Lake Camp Ground – property was sold in January 2022</li> </ol> <p><a href="https://www.berkshireeagle.com/real-estate/berkshire-county-real-estate-transactions-for-jan-17-21/article_495d7f9a-83c3-11ec-ae2f-b75508eeafb7.html">https://www.berkshireeagle.com/real-estate/berkshire-county-real-estate-transactions-for-jan-17-21/article_495d7f9a-83c3-11ec-ae2f-b75508eeafb7.html</a></p>	
9.	<b>Oral History Project</b>	Bk/RB
a.	Create a “user friendly” permission form	
b.	Develop list of potential interviewees	
10.	<b>Jug End State Reservation – Guildler Homestead</b>	
a.	After unsuccessful requests for tenants to restore and reuse existing buildings the state has decided to demolish existing historic structures based on advanced degradation of building stability.	
b.	Attempts to stabilize buildings have been ongoing over the years – ie: new roofing	
c.	EHC will propose a plan for site restoration and maintenance of historic elements of the buildings and gardens	
d.	Write letter to DOCR/Fish and Game/MHC requesting an opportunity to utilize the site for historic and recreational purposes and maintain the history of the buildings and site, request advice from MHC	
e.	Create alliances with the BoS and other town initiatives sim to the River Walk	
f.	EHC site visit 3/12 or 13	EHC
g.	Pond on site is manmade but fed by Fenton Brook	
h.	Ginny’s pen has a marble floor that would be a valuable artifact	
i.	Salvage materials to be used in a memorial of the site	
j.	Engage DCR/F+W	
k.	Site is documented in MACRIS	
11.	<b>Future Outreach Initiatives</b>	
a.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	On-going
b.	Reach out to citizens for volunteers to support some of the initiatives that are more Society oriented rather than Commission oriented	
c.	Coffee, Tea and History	BK 1/2022
	1. History of April Hill – presentation by Will Conklin	RT 1/2022
	2. Prospect lake history in photos and stories – presentation and scrap book	BK 1/2022
	3. 60 Years of the Egremont Garden Club – presentation and scrap book	AM 1/2022
d.	Invite Library Trustees to discuss opportunities for collaboration. RT to contact LT chair	On-going
e.	Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session	11/21
	1. Sheffield – BK to reach out to Sheffield Hist. Comm. and Society	
	2. Stockbridge	
	3. Mt Washington	
	4. New Marlboro	
12.	<b>2021 Town Birthday Party T-shirt winner</b> - BK to order shirt	RT/BK
13.	<b>2022 Town Birthday Party</b>	
a.	Venues	
	1. North site – this year	
	2. French Park – coord w/Blue Rider	
	3. Coord with Friends of Prospect Lake	
	4. Town Hall Lawn	
b.	Date: Weekend of 8/20 is a possibility	
14.	<b>Future Initiatives</b>	
a.	COVID-19 historical record for archives	RT On-going
b.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it affected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	BK
c.	Promotion of EHC – Coffee/Tea and History	BK

d.	Outreach and Strategic Alliances	BK
e.	Grants: EHC to investigate grant opportunities	
f.	Create a historically appropriate feature or informational sign at the library	
g.	EHC Newsletter: For distribution annually: EHC will create a short news report about the events of the past year and plans for the coming year	DC
h.	EHC Mission Statement – on hold Local Genealogy – on hold	
i.	This is on hold until we see the progress plans for the new site design.	On hold
15.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
a.	Next Meeting: Mon. 4/4/22 @ 10AM via zoom	
b.	<b>End of minutes</b>	
c.	Submitted: 3/29/22 by Barbara Kalish	