

**EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION****MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 05/01/23 @ 1pm****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Francis Nestor, Beth Wood****LOCATION: Zoom****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, Douglas Cooper, Richard Burdsall, town website**

Discussion		Action By/Date
<b>1.</b>	<b>General</b>	
a.	04/03/23 minutes duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved as noted	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Van Guilder Estate/Jug End</b>	
a.	MACRIS research complete. BW to forward invoice by 6/15/23	BW
b.	Draft report issued and reviewed positively. Comments to be forwarded to AECOM	
c.	BK to contact DCR	BK
<b>3.</b>	<b>Demolition Delay Bylaw</b>	
a.	5/15/23 Next Meeting	RT
b.	In prep. for presentation	
c.	Cliff House could become the poster child for this initiative. BK to write an article for the Newsletter. Info available from MACRIS, Gary Leveille book, obtain statement on plans from Ian Rasch of Alander Construction, Edge articles and Neighborhood Net. (Note: partner is Roman Montano)	BK
<b>4.</b>	<b>Academy Renovation</b>	
a.	Front storage area is currently unconditioned space. Concern for stability of documents etc. in the archives if stored here in the future. RT to follow up with the BoS	RT
b.	On going	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MACRIS</b>	
a.	6 new properties: research completed. Cliff House Photos pending. Difficulty getting permission to photograph old Prospect Lake campground.	BW
<b>6.</b>	<b>Oral History Project</b>	
a.	On going	
b.	Upcoming interviewees: RB to arrange interview with (?) in lieu of Craig Elliot	RB
c.	EHC to seek funding for digitizing existing tapes. BK to develop a budget	BK
d.	BK to file recent interviews on EHC desktop	BK
<b>8.</b>	<b>Dirt Roads</b>	
a.	It was agreed that the EHC will photo-document Egremont dirt roads 1) RT: Philips Road 2) BK: Pinecrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow - photos completed, BK to file on EHC Desktop 3) AM: Knox Road 4) FN: Mill Road	RT/BK/ AM/FN
<b>9.</b>	<b>Website</b>	
a.	FN to contact Caroline	
b.	The following tasks have been hi-lited: 1) Create link to Oral History Stories 2) Tabs 3) Update Town website link 4) FN to suggest upgrades/topics for future upgrades 5) Possible budget development for website maintenance, currently \$200 in budget remaining	
c.	RT/FN will update the EHC	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b>	
a.	Monday 6/5/23 @ 9 am via Zoom	RT
<b>12.</b>	<b>End of Minutes</b>	

a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish	3/23/23
<b>13.</b>	<b>Follow-up List</b>	
a..	<p><b>Beer Stein</b>  BK followed up with Elise Abrams who recommended Ron Fox, an expert in glass ware of this period. According to Mr. Fox The stein is German circa 1750, blown glass with wheel cut floral design. It is missing the thumb lift. Value is approx.. \$400. It was agreed that the EHC will add this to the collection and display it in one of the vitrines.</p>	
b..	Retain an archivist	
c..	Budget: EHC to forward budget requests asap, EHC to forward budget requests asap	
d..	Bench in memory of Bill Wood at library garden – RT to follow-up with design development and discuss with Alexis Wreden	RT
e..	<p>Dirt Roads: dirt roads are part of the town’s historic fabric – It was agreed that the EHC will photo-document Egremont dirt roads:  RT: Philips Road  BK: Pincrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow  AM: Knox Road  FN: Mill Road</p>	
f..	<p>Future Outreach</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc. Perhaps a Podcast</li> <li>2. Coffee, Tea and History <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. History of April Hill and using a Historic Preservation Restriction – Will Conklin</li> <li>b. Prospect lake history in photos and stories</li> <li>c. 60 years of the Egremont Garden Club</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Invite Library Trustees to discuss opportunities for collaboration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Library Inventory archive</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sheffield, Stockbridge, Mt. Washington, New Marlboro, Great Barrington</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. COVID-19 historical record and stories</li> <li>6. EHC newsletter for distribution annually. Short report about events and upcoming initiatives</li> <li>7. Genealogy Records – to be digitized.</li> <li>8. Grant tracking – OHP interview digitization</li> </ol>	