

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE: 05/02/22 @ 10:00 AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Francis Nestor, Bill Wood, Richard Burdsall, Beth Wood****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website, Bill Wood, Barbara Kalish, Douglas Cooper****LOCATION: Zoom**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1. General		
a.	4/11/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2. Jug End State Reservation – Guilder Estate		
a.	Timeline of events to date <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2/24 – receive copy of project notification form submitted to MHC by DCR (Jeffery Harris) 2. 3/27 – EHC send formal response letter to DCR & MHC 3. 4/8 – receive copy of formal response from MHC directed to DCR 	
b.	Received response from DCR on 4/15 that they will be consulting with MEPA (Mass Environmental Policy Act) to determine whether an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) will be required because the properties are part of MACRIS and its associations with the Stockbridge-Munsee Native American history. They will copy the EHC on their process and future communications with MHC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTE: 1737 deed to the property names (3) Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans conveying the land to John Van Guilder 	
c.	No additional correspondence has been received from MHC or DCR to date	
d.	Sub-committee (DC, FN & BK) meet on 4/14 to discuss options for creating an informative recreations site reusing existing foundation and gardens.	DC, BK, FN
e.	RT to follow up with MHC to see if any more has been done.	RT
3. Demolition Delay Bylaw		
a.	No Discussion	
b.	Strategy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DC to reach out to Elliott Snyder to discuss his past work on the Bylaw and impressions on it from the ZBA perspective 2. Reach out to Lenox HC for advice and lessons learned 	DC, BK
4. Academy Building Structural stabilization and ADA upgrade		
a.	Construction update: No construction updates have been received to date from the architect / town. RT was on site week of 4/25 and noted that holes for ADA ramp piers had been dug and area for paving has been marked out. RT to follow up with town and see if a time to check on the archive can be coordinated.	RT
5. Town Birthday Party – 247th		
a.	Date: weekend of 8/27	
b.	RT reached out to Friends of Prospect Lake to see if we could share one of the dates and celebrate together at Town Hall. Marj Wexler responded that FoPL would be more than happy to share and cross promote the events together.	
c.	EHC to reach out to the BoS to formalize the date and see if they will participate in the planning and the event this year.	RT
d.	Final location to be decided on, possibly upper parking area to keep separate from the tag sale. Schedule of events to be coordinated. RB has a story that he could present at the event on the schools.	
6. Website		
a.	EHC members to review website and forward comments on revisions to FN	
b.	FN to coordinate with Carolyn for updates and addition of oral history recordings. These are currently on the EHC computer in the archive.	FN
c.	FN to follow up on credit card info for website/domain payment with Mary Brazie	FN
7. MACRIS		
a.	Schedule – RT to follow up with deliverable for draft forms for review 11/21: Start Work 6/22: Complete Work	RT
b.	Beth Wood has completed edits on Ephraim Baldwin House (EGR 127). RT to coordinate submission to MCH. Beth to forward invoice to EHC for payment	RT
c.	Look at adding Prospect Lake campground to MACRIS	RT
8. NEW BUSINESS – Community Garden Grant		
a.	Susan Bachelder received word of a possible grant opportunity for community and school gardens for up to \$15,000. She thought this would be a great opportunity to develop a new garden behind the Academy Building with the ongoing work happening now. The Library Trustees and EHC agreed that we should perseuse the opportunity.	
b.	Susan B. and RT met with the BoS on 4/26 and were granted permission to apply for the grant.	

c.	Susan B. and RT coordinated with the Egremont Land Trust and Library to quickly prepare a grant application to submit on 4/30. Susan wrote the project description and RT prepared a proposed garden plan and estimate for the project. RT and the EHC are acting a point on the application. Awards will be granted by 5/30. If awarded the Egremont Land Trust will hold the funds for the project.	
9.	Oral History Project	
a.	BT was not present at the meeting but sent out email notification that the Town Hall could be used for conducting interviews.	
b.	Develop list of potential interviewees 1. Richard Burdsall – read and tape stories, interview by BK 2. Fay Wood – to be contacted by BK Craig Elliot – Tales from the General Store and other stories – interview by BK/RB	BK, RB June
10.	ON GOING – Not discussed	
a.	Scholar’s Dinner 1. Shays Rebellion, the “Farmers Coup” 2. EGR 127 – home of Ephraim Fitch who resided there until 1794	
b.	Archive collection / organization / layout 1. EHC to discuss revised goals, program and plans for archives 2. EHC to retain an archivist to assist with organization of the archives. RT to identify potential consultants. RT to reach out to Margaret Cherin for a proposal and schedule	
c.	Egremont Newsletter – 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 b. House has been moved 2. Jug End 3. Prospect Lake – campground 4. Pinecrest Hill 5. Kenver 6. Col. Smiley	
d.	Future Outreach 1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc. 2. Coffee, Tea and History a. History of April and using a Historic Preservation Restriction – Will Conklin b. Prospect lay history in photos and stories c. 60 years of the Egremont Garden Club 3. Invite Library Trustees to discuss opportunities for collaboration a. Library Inventory archive 4. Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session a. Sheffield, Stockbridge, Mt. Washington, New Marlboro, Great Barrington 5. COVID-19 historical record and stories 6. EHC newsletter for distribution annually. Short report about events and upcoming initiatives 7. EHC mission statement 8. Genealogy Records – to be digitized.	
11.	Next Meeting	
a.	Monday June 6 @ 10 am via zoom	
12.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Rebecca Turner	