

**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 06/06/22 @ 10:00 AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Barbara Kalish, Douglas Cooper, Francis Nestor, Bill Wood, Richard Burdsall, Beth Wood****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website, Bill Wood****LOCATION: Zoom**

| <b>Discussion</b> |   | <b>Action By/Date</b> |
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| <b>1.</b>         | <b>General</b>  |                       |
| a.                | 5/02/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved   |                       |
| <b>2.</b>         | <b>Jug End State Reservation – Guilder Estate</b>   |                       |
| a.                | RT to check in with DCR on progress.  | RT                    |
| b.                | Sub-committee (DC, FN & BK) to schedule time to meet and continue brainstorming next steps  | DC, BK, FN            |
| c.                | Timeline of events to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2/24 – receive copy of project notification form submitted to MHC by DCR (Jeffery Harris)</li> <li>2. 3/27 – EHC send formal response letter to DCR &amp; MHC</li> <li>3. 4/8 – receive copy of formal response from MHC directed to DCR</li> </ul>  |                       |
| d.                | 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NOTE: 1737 deed to the property names (3) Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans conveying the land to John Van Guilder</li> </ul>   |                       |
| <b>3.</b>         | <b>Demolition Delay Bylaw</b>   |                       |
| a.                | DC reached out to Elliott Snyder to discuss past work on the Bylaw. ES reiterated that a change to the bylaw would require public hearing and the procedure is outlined in MGL Ch. 40A Section 5. Anticipating public objections will be critical for success. In the past this has been done with informal Q&A meetings or survey mailings. DC suggested the possibility of a professionally run focus group. DC to talk with Jared Kelly, Mary Brazie and Juliette Hass to see if the town or other committee's have used focus groups or something similar.  | DC                    |
| b.                | Having a written talking points or questions for commission members to start talking with citizens in an informal way to get some public opinion.   | DC                    |
| c.                | Look at forming a committee to review the proposed bylaw outside of the Commission  |                       |
| d.                | Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reach out to Lenox HC for advice and lessons learned</li> </ul>  | DC, BK                |
| <b>4.</b>         | <b>Academy Building Structural stabilization and ADA upgrade</b>  |                       |
| a.                | Construction update: No construction updates have been received to date from the architect / town.  | RT                    |
| b.                | Via email, RT reviewed potential light fixtures for the back vestibule and suggested a simple schoolhouse style fixture. Also via email, RT selected options for historic paint colors for the front and rear doors. She will be meeting with Keila from the Library Trustee's to select a color on 6/6 at 1pm  |                       |
| <b>5.</b>         | <b>Town Birthday Party – 247<sup>th</sup></b>   |                       |
| a.                | Date: weekend of 8/27   |                       |
| b.                | RT met with the Selectboard on 5/31 to discuss the date and coordination with the FoPL tag sale. The selectboard was supportive of the idea and also suggested including the police department and fire department to run small events at the stations as well. Lucinda V. volunteered to represent the BoS.  |                       |
| c.                | RT to coordinate a planning meeting   | RT                    |
| d.                | RB would like to read a new story at the event.   |                       |
| e.                | Frances, Abigail and Barbara expressed interest in helping with planning and coordination.  |                       |
| <b>6.</b>         | <b>Website</b>  |                       |
| 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                    |
| <b>7.</b>         | <b>MACRIS</b>   |                       |
| a.                | 11/21: Start Work<br>6/22: Complete Work  |                       |
| b.                | Draft forms were received for review on 5/12 & 5/13. Commission members reviewed the forms and RT compiled a 6-page document with edits, errors and omissions. Forms were also reviewed by Beth Wood who has experience with deed research and she found many errors and inaccuracies in the research and narratives. The Commission agreed that the forms should not be submitted to MHC and that revisions should not be made by Neil. Beth Wood will provide an estimate for revisions to be made for the current round of forms for submission. RT will communicate with Neil and the town to move forward. |                       |
| c.                | The commission will re-look at how to move forward with the next round of form updates.   |                       |

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| d.  | Look at adding Prospect Lake campground to MACRIS   | RT             |
| 8.  | <b>Community Garden Grant</b>   |                |
| a.  | The Library was awarded a \$10,000 grant for developing a ‘pocket garden’ with funding being held by the Egremont Land Trust. The grant is to remain anonymous. RT to coordinate accepting the grant and will follow up with the ELT to see when funds are received.  |                |
| 9.  | <b>Oral History Project</b>   |                |
| a.  | Develop list of potential interviewees<br>1. Richard Burdsall – read and tape stories, interview by BK<br>2. Fay Wood – to be contacted by BK<br>3. Bobby Spur<br>4. Greg Peck<br>Craig Elliot – Tales from the General Store and other stories – interview by BK/RB  | BK, RB<br>June |
| b.  | BT had emailed the oral history permission form to the town for review/approval and has not heard back. She will re-send to the town for review.  | BK             |
| c.  | Beth Wood has some old tapes from when Lynn interviewed Gertrude Burdsall and will get them to us   | BW             |
| 10. | <b>ON GOING – Not discussed</b>   |                |
| a.  | Scholar’s Dinner<br>1. Shays Rebellion, the “Farmers Coup”<br>2. EGR 127 – home of Ephraim Fitch who resided there until 1794   |                |
| b.  | Archive collection / organization / layout<br>1. EHC to discuss revised goals, program and plans for archives<br>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<br>1. Shun Toll Road – early way round to avoid paying the toll<br>a. Owner: Neal and Rene Goff, 304 Egremont Plain Road<br>b. House has been moved<br>2. Jug End<br>3. Prospect Lake – campground<br>4. Pinecrest Hill<br>5. Kenver<br>6. Col. Smiley   |                |
| d.  | Future Outreach<br>1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.<br>2. Coffee, Tea and History<br>a. History of April and using a Historic Preservation Restriction – Will Conklin<br>b. Prospect lay history in photos and stories<br>c. 60 years of the Egremont Garden Club<br>3. Invite Library Trustees to discuss opportunities for collaboration<br>a. Library Inventory archive<br>4. Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session<br>a. Sheffield, Stockbridge, Mt. Washington, New Marlboro, Great Barrington<br>5. COVID-19 historical record and stories<br>6. EHC newsletter for distribution annually. Short report about events and upcoming initiatives<br>7. EHC mission statement<br>8. Genealogy Records – to be digitized. |                |
| 11. | <b>Next Meeting</b>   |                |
| a.  | Monday July 11 @ 10 am via zoom   |                |
| 12. | <b>End of Minutes</b>   |                |
| a.  | Submitted by Rebecca Turner   |                |