

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE: 08/08/22 @ 10:00 AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Douglas Cooper Abigail Rogers-McKee, Francis Nestor, Richard Burdsall****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website, Bill Wood,****LOCATION: Zoom**

Discussion	Action By/Date
1 General	
07/11/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2 New Business	
1770 Beer Stein: EHC is receipt of a 6” high etched crystal or glass beer stein associated with Francis Hare (Harris?) Tavern. It was donated by John and Helena Frost of Indian Wells, California. It will be verified, assessed and added to our archive collection.	
3 247th Town Birthday Party	
It was agreed that town parties are not part of our scope. This year the EHC will continue to lead this effort but in the future we recommend that this be handled through a town sub-committee.	
BK to attend a meeting with FoPL and Lucinda Vermeulen to coordinate between the various events. It was agreed that the EHC will not participate in the sale of FoPL items at the birthday party.	
Roles and Responsibilities 1. RT – flyer 2. AM – T-shirts/Land Trust table 3. BK – Birthday cake 4. Doug Mishkin – Egremont Song 5. Pam Knowles + James ? – History revue in song 6. Richard Burdsall – story 7. RT – bring newly acquired beer stein, coloring books/crayons For party representation 8. BK – to contact Green Committee and Con Com 9. RT – contact Indian Line Farm/Pollinator Garden 10. LV – contact Chief Snyder/EFD and other commissions	
4 Jug End State Reservation – Guilder Estate	
Timeline of events to date 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	
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 1. NOTE: 1737 deed to the property names (3) Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans conveying the land to John Van Guilder	
No additional correspondence has been received from MHC or DCR to date.	
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
RT to follow up with MHC to see if any more has been done.	RT
BK to form a committee to work on design options for the Guilder Estate.	BK 8/8
Potential grant opportunities – speak to Juliette Haas regarding grants	BK8/8
Potential to include several sectors of the Egremont/Sheffield population including representation from local Native American tribes since Van Guilder was Native American	
John Van Guilder was a Wappinger Mohican	
The contact is: Bonney Hartley Tribal Historic Preservation Manager Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Historic Preservation Extension office 86 Spring Street, Williamstown MA 01267 413-884-6048 Nda'keenã- Mohican Homelands Dr. Jeff Bendremer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	BK 9/15

	EHC to respond to Ms. Hartley and advise them of our plans for the site Dr. Bendremer/THPM will be contacting the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for a fuller understanding of current plans BK to follow-up	
	Others with potential interest in this site: ConCom, Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eileen Vining (previously instrumental in stopping development and DCR involvement, MHC (stopped demo of the buildings due to archeological and cultural significance of the property)	
	Confirm location of the Indian Line Trail and its relationship to this property	
5	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
	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.	On Hold until September
	Having a written talking points or questions for commission members to start talking with citizens in an informal way to get some public opinion.	
	Look at forming a committee to review the proposed bylaw outside of the Commission	
	Strategy 1. Reach out to Lenox HC for advice and lessons learned	DC, BK
6	Academy Renovation	
	Construction update: Belfry removed and superstructure being restored, flooring completed, HVAC + electrical ongoing, 60% complete. Archives on 2 nd floor in good shape. Schedule - TBD	RT
	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	
7	Academy Garden	
	BK to represent the EHC	BK
	1) Potential Committee Members – Peg Muskrat/Land Trust/Library Trustee/Garden Club, AM/Garden Club./Land Trust Susan Bachelder (citizen), Lucinda Vermuelen/SB, Tom Reynolds/Town Maintenance, Alexis Wreden – landscape consultant	BK
	Grant from the Land Trust of \$10,000 received. No restrictions	
	It was agreed that the EHC is fully supportive of plans to create a Community Garden and is happy to kick-off the effort and have representation, but it is not in the scope of a Historical Commission to direct, lead or implement these plans. We will in the initiation of this process.	BK 9/12
	The grant is not dependent on reproducing the concept design in grant request. It was intended as a suggestion of what might be done in that space. The final design should meet the goals and scope agreed upon by the Library Trustees and the community. No donor representation is required. The Land Trust is currently holding the \$10k grant since they have 501k3 status. Confirm stipulations in the Grant with Maureen Steiner	BK 9/12
8	EHC Website	
	EHC members to review website and forward comments on revisions to FN	
	FN to coordinate with Carolyn for updates and addition of oral history recordings. These are currently on the EHC computer in the archive.	FN
	FN to follow up on credit card info for website/domain payment with Mary Brazie	FN
	The information on the website should be revised to include the EHC Mission Statement, clearly delineating our function as a Commission and not a Society	FN
	RB will edit the Mass Hist mission statement for review by the EHC	RB
9	MACRIS	
	Schedule – TBD based on completion of revisions by Beth Wood	
	The commission will re-look at how to move forward with the next round of form updates.	
	Look at adding Prospect Lake campground to MACRIS	RT
	The SB and Town Counsel, Jeremia Pollard, agree that there should be no further discussions. A letter has been written, and offer made and no further action is required.	RT
	EHC has requested a proposal from Beth Woods for completion and correction of draft submission – proposal received and agreed upon.	
1	Oral History Project – Not discussed	On Hold until October
	BT was not present at the meeting but sent out email notification that the Town Hall could be used for conducting interviews.	
	Develop list of potential interviewees 1. Richard Burdsall – read and tape stories, interview by BK	BK, RB June

	2. Fay Wood – to be contacted by BK Craig Elliot – Tales from the General Store and other stories – interview by BK/RB	
	BK 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
	Beth Wood has some old tapes from when Lynn interviewed Gertrude Burdsall and will get them to us	
1	ON GOING – Not discussed	
	Scholar’s Dinner 1. Shays Rebellion, the “Farmers Coup” 2. EGR 127 – home of Ephraim Fitch who resided there until 1794	
	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	RT
	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	
	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.	
1	Next Meeting	
	Monday Sept. 12 @ 10 am – Zoom	RT
1	End of Minutes	
	Submitted by Barbara Kalish	