

# EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2018 – 10:00 am

Attending: Susan Bachelder, Bill Wood, Elliott Snyder, Rebecca Turner, Stephen Piersanti, Abigail Rogers-McKee

- Meeting minutes were approved from the May Meeting.
- **MACRIS**
  - Rebecca to coordinate final payment for the 2017 MACRIS files package with Neil Larson and the town. A proposed fee schedule for the next round of project was discussed.
  - A new list of 20 properties needs to be put together for the 2018 MACRIS updates. Rebecca suggested that the focus be on the South Village again because of the planned upgrades along Rt. 23 and also suggested Indian Line Farm as a new site. Susan suggested the Kellogg property as it will be changing hands soon. A list of proposed properties will be passed around to review before the next meeting.
- **Town Birthday Party**
  - The town birthday party is currently scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and will be held at the South Egremont Village School. The current plans are to have the commission supply a cake and lemonade. The selectman will be honoring town retiree's and will conduct a tour of the completed school.
  - It was suggested that the commission gather some old photos of the building and photos of previous graduating classes to present at the walkthrough.
- **250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
  - Plans for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration was discussed. Susan will be working on updating the Egremont Coloring Book. Lynn Wood suggested possibly looking at the historic site of the Egremont Meeting house on Phillips Rd focusing on the 1794 map of the town.
- **South Village road Improvements**
  - The proposed improvements to the South Village were discussed. The commission is concerned about how the proposed contemporary design elements – widening the road, bike paths, sidewalks, lighting – will be compatible with our current village setting and designated historic village status. Collaboration with the Selectmen should be continued during the design process.
- **Voting Machine**
  - Town Clerk, Juliette Haas, reached out to Susan about donating the decommissioned voting box to the archives. The commission gratefully accepted the donation and will display it along with the other historic town voting boxes currently in the archives.
- **Library Gardens**
  - A letter to the selectman, Town Clark and Sustainability coordinator was posted this past week about the bicycle repair station and rack. The letter was presented by the Garden Club and co-signed / edited by the Library Trustees and the Historical Commission.
  - The Garden Club took the opportunity to expand the gardens in the front of the library with new plantings. In doing so they also Abigail (also the Garden Club President) and Pam Peacock were able to wrestle the memorial stature – fondly named Gertrude – with great effort from the original garden next to the bicycle repair station to the front of the library. She looks lovely in her new location!

Next Proposed Meeting: August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am

Submitted by Rebecca Turner, Secretary