

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 1st, 2018 – 10:00 am

Attending: Susan Bachelder, Bill Wood, Rebecca Turner, Stephen Piersanti, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Barbara Kalish

Absent: Elliott Snyder

- Meeting minutes were approved from the October meeting – meeting minutes have not yet been written for the November meeting.
- The Chair proposed, and the commission voted to adopt the BRPC's pattern of officer rotation where the chair, vice chair, secretary and treasure rotate up every year beginning in January.
- **EHC Website**
 - Caroline Alexander provided a proposal for \$704 to re-build the EHC website. This money includes the hosting fee via Squarespace and she will reach out to Studio Two to see what files may still be retrievable from our old website. The committee voted to approve this expenditure and Stephen will coordinate.
 - Abigail noted that for this year the money for this could come from our existing budget, pulling from 'supplies' and 'outreach'. She suggested adding an additional line item to next years budget for the hosting fees and to cover any additional work by Caroline.
- **Route 23 Complete Streets**
 - Abigail attended the last selectman meeting and reviewed their comments on the Route 23 Project. She noted that they are concerned about the lighting but thought that it might not be part of the DOT scope since the existing lighting is currently on National Grid poles. This might become a project to be updated after the DOT work is complete. They also discussed the bike lane and were concerned about the proposed width of 5'-0". It was noted that a bike lane was required to be part of the project by law, but if the area was a town designated historic district, they may waive the requirement. Susan noted we are a national registered designated historic district, but that does not have the same weight.
 - The commission voted to draft a letter to the DOT and Board of Selection regarding the South Village's status as a National Register Historic District and its importance to the town. Any planning and design in regards to layout, lighting and materials should take this into account.
- **Oral History Project**
 - Barbara has been doing some research on how to coordinate an oral history project in Egremont looking at what needs to happen to get a commitment, what equipment will need to be borrowed / purchased, and what to do with existing tapes we have in the archives. She plans to go to a talk presented by the Mt. Washington Historical Society on oral histories they have been working on and how they have begun the work.
- **ADA Ramp**
 - Barbara has been following the work on the addition of an ADA ramp to the South Village school. She will follow up with Mary Brazie to see what has happened thus far with the funding and with contracting and design of the project.
- **MACRIS**
 - Rebecca will follow up with Neil to see how the next phase of MACRIS updates are going.

Next Proposed Meeting: January 19th @ 10:00 am – archives cleaning

Submitted by Rebecca Turner, Secretary