

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE:** 1/10/22 @ 10:00 AM**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Douglas Cooper, Francis Nestor, Bill Wood, Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Mary McGurn, Beth Wood**DISTRIBUTION:** Attendees, town website**LOCATION:** Archive Room, Egremont Library, 1 Button Ball La

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	12/6/21 minutes – accepted as noted	
2.	New Business	
a.	Budget	
	1. Remaining 2021 funds available until 7/22	7/22
	2. RT will discuss purchasing options avoiding use of personal funds with Mary Brazie and the Town accountant. One option might be a Town credit card if future purchases warrant this.	RT 1/22
	3. No town credit card. We will continue to layout funds and get reimbursement	
	4. EHC to retain an archivist to assist with organization of the archives. RT to identify potential consultants.	RT 1/22
b.	Participate in Town Meetings as appropriate based on posted agenda	EHC - On-Going
	1. BoS – No EHC agenda	
	2. PB – 1/19 Master Plan Consultant	
3.	Membership	
a.	Francis Nestor has been appointed to the EHC	1/06
b.	Richard Burdsall has been appointed as an Associate Member of the EHC. RT to send note to Mary Brazie	RT 2/7
4.	EHC Focus for 2022	On-going
	1. Demo Delay - DC	
	2. MACRIS - RT	
	3. Oral History Project – BK/RB	
	4. Out Reach - BK	
	5. Archives – RT	
	6. Website update – FN with support from Carolyn Alexander	
	7. EHC Mission – RT/DC coord. w/MHC published mission for HC's	
	8. Genealogy - AM	
5.	Village School	
a.	1. South Egremont Village School: Potential school consolidation could result in moving the Pre-K program to the main campus.	On Hold
	2. BK to revise draft letter based on fact checking the plans being put forth by the BoE. EHC position	
6.	Academy Building ADA upgrade Document Comments	
a.	Formal letter to Town outlining EHC concerns submitted	
b.	1. La Rochelle Construction has been awarded the project	RT – on-going
	2. Schedule and logistics plan to be forthcoming	
	3. EHC to remove content from belfry and front closet consistent with the construction schedule and logistics plan	
	4. Archive Security – RT to obtain locks from Tom Reynolds	
	5. EHC to attend the Pre Con meeting	
	6. Planting – to be protected by Tom Reynolds	
	7. Building will be closed to the public during the construction	
	8. EHC has requested catalog sheets for lighting – RT to obtain from town	
7.	MACRIS Phase 5	
a.	Schedule – On track	LA/RT
	11/21: Start work	
	6/22: Complete work	
8.	Egremont Newsletter	BK 12/26
a.	Future article ideas	
	1. Shun Toll road – early way round to avoid paying the toll	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Owner: Neal and Rene Goff, 304 Egremont Plain Road, 917-541-4034 b. House has been moved c. Old Mill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prospect Lake 3. Pincrest Hill 4. Kenver 5. Col. Smiley 	
9.	Town Hall Sign	
a.	This is on hold until we see the progress plans for the new site design.	On hold
10.	Archive collection/organization/layout	1/2022
a.	EHC to discuss revised goals, program and plans for the archives	On-going
b.	RT developed a dimensioned floor plan of the archive room. Will add dimensions	RT 7/7/21
8.	Demolition delay by-law	On-going
a.	MHC Seminar on DD By Laws. RT to attend.	RT 1/27/22
b.	<p>Draft Development Plan – to be revised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Estimates approx. 2 years for an interim plan, during which time the DD bylaw should be revised to make it more “owner friendly” b. Intent is to create a bylaw that benefits the town and its residents 2. <u>Rough Outline of steps – dates to be re-evaluated</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EHC/PB coordination meeting b. EHC/BoS coordination meeting c. EHC/PB present to BoS d. Outreach: Lenox (2019), Sheffield (2014), Stockbridge (tbd) e. Public Hearing f. EHC/PB develop final draft g. EHC/PB present to BoS h. EHC/PB Post the DD by law on the warrant i. EHC/PB present at Public Meeting: If the demolition delay is developed as a “General Law” in lieu of a Zoning Bylaw then no public hearing is required. Developed through dialog with the town. 3. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Research the reason behind the voters rejected the previous DD By Law – BW/EW b. Revise schedule for a 2-year plan that will prevent loss of significant Egremont structures in key locations. This would then segue into the Master Plan as possibly a historic district overlay. c. Redefine scope and goals based on BoS comments d. Current draft is too broad and non-specific, 1 year is too long to delay an owner or purchaser’s construction, too much discretionary decisions on the part of EHC, how many buildings would be subject to this bylaw, obtain experience of other towns – Sheffield, Lenox, Stockbridge, discuss w/Jeremia, establish fees that might include an architectural historian, establish how and what fees are to be collected, e. Revise draft DD bylaw f. Maintain on-going conversations with the PB and other relevant committees 4. Chair – DC 5. Committee meeting 1/24 @ 10am via zoom 	On-going
c.	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penalties EHC to develop buy-in through discussion and negotiation rather than penalties. 2. Bylaw should focus on negotiation and collaboration with the homeowner 	
9.	Oral History Project	
a.	BK with RB	BK/RB on-going
b.	Gertrude Burdsall tapes: check existing tapes and/or ask Lynn Wood/EW/BW	
c.	Goal: Substantially progress for the 250 th Birthday (2025)	
d.	Format: similar to Story Corps this will be an oral record not video	
10.	Future Outreach Initiatives	
a.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	On-going
b.	Coffee, Tea and History	BK 1/2022
	1. History of April Hill – presentation by Will Conklin	RT 1/2022
	2. Prospect lake history in photos and stories – presentation and scrap book	BK 1/2022
	3. 60 Years of the Egremont Garden Club – presentation and scrap book	AM 1/2022
c.	Invite Library Trustees to discuss opportunities for collaboration. RT to contact LT chair	On-going

d.	Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session 1. Sheffield – BK to reach out to Sheffield Hist. Comm. and Society 2. Stockbridge 3. Mt Washington 4. New Marlboro	11/21
11.	2021 Town Birthday Party T-shirt winner – RT to forward email, BK to order shirt	RT/BK
12.	Prospect Lake Campground: Correction – this property has not been sold	
13.	Future Initiatives	
a.	COVID-19 historical record for archives	RT On-going
b.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it affected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	BK
c.	Promotion of EHC – Coffee/Tea and History	
d.	Strategic Alliances	
e.	Grants: EHC to investigate grant opportunities	
f.	Create a historically appropriate feature or informational sign at the library	
g.	EHC Newsletter: For distribution annually: EHC will create a short news report about the events of the past year and plans for the coming year	
14.	Next Meeting	
a.	Next Meeting: Mon. 2/7/22 @ 10AM via zoom	2/7/22
b.	End of minutes	
c.	Submitted: 1/31/22 by Barbara Kalish	