

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE: 2/7/22 @ 10:00 AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Douglas Cooper, Beth Wood****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website, Francis Nestor, Bill Wood****LOCATION: Archive Room, Egremont Library, 1 Button Ball La**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	1/10/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2.	New Business	
a.	Budget	
	1. Remaining 2021 funds available until 7/22, \$2,000	
	2. EHC to retain an archivist to assist with organization of the archives. RT to identify potential consultants.	RT 1/22
	3. It was agreed that we would keep the South Egremont Congregational Church record	
	4. RT to reach out to Margaret Cherin for a proposal and schedule	
b.	Upcoming Town Meetings as appropriate based on posted agenda	EHC - On-Going
3.	Membership	
a.	No discussion	1/06
4.	EHC Focus for 2022	On-going
5.	1. Demo Delay - DC 2. MACRIS 3. Oral History Project – BK/RB 4. Archives – RT 5. Website update – FN with support from Carolyn Alexander 6. EHC Mission – on hold 7. Genealogy – on hold	
8.	Website	
a.	EHC members to review website and forward comments on revisions by FN	EHC
b.	Update ongoing	FN
9.	Village School	
a.	1. South Egremont Village School: Potential school consolidation could result in moving the Pre-K program to the main campus. 2. BK to revise draft letter based on fact checking the plans being put forth by the BoE. EHC position 3. Further to statement by George McGurn to RT “The school is not closing”	No further discussion
10.	Academy Building ADA upgrade Document Comments	
a.	Formal letter to Town outlining EHC concerns submitted	
b.	Status of Demo 1. La Rochelle Construction has been awarded the project 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	RT – on-going
c.	Pre Con 1. Contractor gearing up for base scope – structural upgrade of the foundation and belfry 2. ADA is not part of the base scope paid by the grant. This scope is financed by Egremont or other monies tbd. 3. Construction Prep in Archive Room a. Remove material from front room under the belfry	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Storage at Town Hall Annex Building c. Create a secure separation between contractor work area and remaining collection d. Obtain drop cloths to protect furniture and vitrines e. Relocation of collection – f. request materials and relocation from Town g. Deadbolt office door <p>4. Start of construction – 3/1/22</p> <p>5. Completion 6/1/22</p>	
11.	MACRIS Phase 5	
a.	Schedule – On track 11/21: Start work 6/22: Complete work	LA/RT
12.	Egremont Newsletter	BK 12/26
a.	<p>Future article ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2. Prospect Lake 3. Pinecrest Hill 4. Kenver 5. Col. Smiley 	BK
13.	Town Hall Sign	
a.	This is on hold until we see the progress plans for the new site design.	On hold
14.	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>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 	
c.	<p>Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ZBA Option: Add a change to a general bylaw in lieu of a bylaw – implications? Limitations? 2. Lessons learned from towns – Sheffield, Stockbridge, Lenox – research how towns passed the DD bylaw 	BW/EW/DC
d.	<p>Major Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buildings of historic significance will be renovated to a degree that no historic value will remain, ref. Salem Ma. DD. RT to send slides 2. Definition of demolition – what % or how to describe the extent of demo that triggers the DD bylaw 3. Buildings at risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jug End – owned by Mass Fish and Wildlife, buildings documented in MACRIS b. Cong. Church c. Baldwin Hill homes d. N. Eg. School e. Pinecrest Hill homes f. Prospect Lake Camp Ground – Ambiguous information regarding sale of this property. According to the property was sold in January 2022 <p>https://www.berkshireeagle.com/real-estate/berkshire-county-real-estate-transactions-for-jan-17-21/article_495d7f9a-83c3-11ec-ae2-b75508eeafb7.html</p>	RT 3/7
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	11/21
	1. Sheffield – BK to reach out to Sheffield Hist. Comm. and Society	
	2. Stockbridge	
	3. Mt Washington	
	4. New Marlboro	
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	BK
d.	Outreach and Strategic Alliances	BK
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	DC
h.	EHC Mission Statement – on hold Local Genealogy – on hold	
14.	Next Meeting	
a.	Next Meeting: Mon. 3/7/22 @ 10AM via zoom	
b.	End of minutes	
c.	Submitted: 2/28/22 by Barbara Kalish	