

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE:** 3/13/23 @ 1pm**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Francis Nestor, Richard Burdsall, Douglas Cooper, Beth Wood**LOCATION:** Zoom**DISTRIBUTION:** Attendees, town website

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	01/09/23 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
b.	The posted meeting for 2/6/23 was canceled	
2.	Van Guilder Estate	
a.	DCR/AECOM(Sam Picard) is preparing a historical study of the JvG estate to establish Mohican presence in the area, possibly locate the JvG homestead and gravesites. AECOM will issue a draft for our review and comment.	AECOM
b.	BW is revising the MACRIS in parallel with the AECOM effort. Mary Van Guilder's 50 widow acres could be key to this investigation as well as the 2 Karner homesteads.	BW
3.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	It was agreed that the EHC will move forward with the DD Bylaw and meet with other towns as a parallel effort.	
b.	Special meeting scheduled Tue 3/28/23 @ 9am via zoom	RT
c.	Anticipated concerns: 1. Homeowner's resistance to intervention by town on property use 2. How a property is defined as historically significant	
4.	Academy Renovation	
a.	Currently unconditioned space in the front room closet. Concern for stability of documents etc. in the archives. RT to follow up with the Bos	RT
b.	Schedule for completion : Belfry and bell installed, sheathing to follow	
5.	EHC Website	
a.	It was agreed that the town website does not provide the flexibility needed for the EHC website. RT to speak to Mary McGurn to better understand the structure of the town website and how EHC can maintain creative control.	EHC
b.	Current budget is \$200	
c.	See Grant Opportunities below	
6.	MACRIS	
a.	2023/24 will include 6 new properties and 1 redo	BW
b.	Future sites to Include: Prospect Lake and Camp Ground in next write up.	RT
c.	Visit campground and look for stone pillars as shown in various photos	BK
7.	Oral History Project	
a.	Upcoming interviewees 1. Craig Elliot – RB to contact Craig Elliot for his Tales from the General Store and other stories – interview by BK/RB	RB
13.	Next Meetings	
a.	Monday 4/3/23 @ 9am via Zoom	RT
14.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish	3/23/23

15.	FOLLOW-UP LIST	
a..	Archive collection / organization / layout – see Grant opportunities 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 possible help	RT
b..	Grant tracking	
c..	Beer Stein: Obtain an appraisal and insurance if warranted – Elliot/Grace Snyder	RT
d..	Retain an archivist	
e..	Budget: EHC to forward budget requests asap, EHC to forward budget requests asap	
f..	Bench in memory of Bill Wood at library garden	
g..	Recognizing dirt roads as part of the towns historic fabric	
h..	Future Outreach 1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc. Perhaps a Podcast 2. Coffee, Tea and History a. History of April Hill and using a Historic Preservation Restriction – Will Conklin b. Prospect lake 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. Genealogy Records – to be digitized.	