

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 04/03/23 @ 9am****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Francis Nestor, Richard Burdsall, Beth Wood, Douglas Cooper, Mary McGurn****LOCATION: Zoom****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	03/13/23 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2.	Van Guilder Estate/Jug End	
a.	BW should complete research for MACRIS 4/10	AECOM
b.	It is likely that the builder of the “house” was Andrew Bacon III’s father.	
c.	Correction: It is more likely that the Koerners were Palatine Lutherans or Dutch Reform, not Moravians	
3.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	3/28/23 DD Meeting – definitions discussed. RT to forward updates	RT
b.	In prep. for presentation	
4.	Academy Renovation	
a.	Front storage area is currently unconditioned space. Concern for stability of documents etc. in the archives if stored here in the future. 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 above	
d.	It was agreed that EHC will maintain their own website which is linked to the Town website because the platform used by EHC has more flexibility	
e.	The following tasks have been hi-lited: 1) Oral History Stories 2) Tabs 3) Update Town website link 4) FN to suggest upgrades/topics for future upgrades 5) Possible budget development for website maintenance, currently \$200 in budget remaining RT/FN to meet 4/5 @ 9am in the Archives Room	
6.	MACRIS	
a.	6 new properties: research completed. Photos pending. Difficulty getting permission to photograph old Prospect Lake campground.	BW
b.	Visit campground and look for stone pillars as shown in various photos	BK
7.	Oral History Project	
a.	Upcoming interviewees: RB to arrange interview with (?) in lieu of Craig Elliot	RB
b.	EHC to seek funding for digitizing existing tapes. BK to develop a budget	BK
c.	BK to file recent interviews on EHC desktop	BK
8.	Dirt Roads	
a.	It was agreed that the EHC will photo-document Egremont dirt roads 1) RT: Philips Road 2) BK: Pincrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow 3) AM: Knox Road 4) FN: Mill Road	RT/BK/ AM/FN

11.	Next Meetings	
a.	Monday 5/1/23 @ 9 am via Zoom	RT
12.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish	3/23/23
13.	Follow-up List	
a..	Beer Stein: Obtain authentication and appraisal for insurance purposes, if warranted - RT to follow-up with Elise Abrams Antiques in GB	RT
b..	Retain an archivist	
c..	Budget: EHC to forward budget requests asap, EHC to forward budget requests asap	
d..	Bench in memory of Bill Wood at library garden – RT to follow-up with design development and discuss with Alexis Wreden	RT
e..	Dirt Roads: dirt roads are part of the town’s historic fabric – It was agreed that the EHC will photo-document Egremont dirt roads: RT: Philips Road BK: Pinecrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow AM: Knox Road FN: Mill Road	
f..	<p>Future Outreach</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc. Perhaps a Podcast 2. Coffee, Tea and History <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Library Inventory archive 4. Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 8. Grant tracking – OHP interview digitization 	