

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 07/07/23 @ 9AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Francis Nestor, Beth Wood, Mary McGurn****LOCATION: Zoom****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, Richard Burdsall, town website**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	06/07/23 minutes duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved as noted	
2.	Membership	
a.	Elisabeth Wood has been confirmed as a member of the Historical Commission	
3.	Van Guilder Estate/Jug End	
a.	BK reached out to the DCA and AECOM regarding next steps with no response to date.	BK
4.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	On Hold	RT
b.	Send MMcG copy of draft DD bylaw when ready	
c.	Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate the voter to the benefits 2. Emphasize that it is a delay not a ban 3. Focus on personal benefits of a DD bylaw 	
5.	MACRIS	
a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secondary structures on building site will be part of the MACRIS for the main building 2. Prospect Lake Property. EHC to confirm that secondary structures were demolished by Alander under a demolition permit. 3. 6 new properties: research completed. Cliff House Photos pending. Difficulty getting permission to photograph old Prospect Lake campground. 	BW
b.	Information Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sheffield Historical Society – Gregg Siter – has passed on Egremont records to Beth Wood for her historical research and for reinstating in the Egremont Archives 	
c.	Invoice submitted to Town	
6.	Cliff House	
a.	Restoration/Renovation/Reuse – Alander Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EHC understands that the house will become a café and bar for the new Glamping site 2. Designs submitted appear very modern 3. Alander has also purchased the farmhouse but plans are unknown 4. EHC to request information on plans for the various structures on the campsite property – RT 5. Use as a commercial structure is grandfathered in since it was always a commercial structure 	RT
b.	Letter to Alander reviewed. To be revised and send	RT
7.	Oral History Project	
a.	On going	
b.	Upcoming interviewees: BK to interview Fay Wood. Fay was previously interviewed by Gary Levielle for his book and photographs	BK
c.	EHC to seek funding for digitizing existing tapes. BK to develop a budget	BK
d.	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) RT: Philips Road 2) BK: Pinecrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow - photos completed, BK to file on EHC Desktop 3) AM: Knox Road 4) FN: Mill Road 	RT/BK/ AM/FN
9.	Website	

a.	Caroline charges \$60/hr to support the Website	
b.	The following tasks have been hi-lited: 1) Tabs a. Welcome to the website i. EHC contact info ii. Who EHC is and what we do b. News and events – w/active links sim to on line “News Flash” – possibly handled by MG thru town website c. Oral History d. Genealogy 2) Follow-up: of tabs, meet w/Caroline after website content is fully defined, fix link to Town website	
c.	Update and maintenance are very time consuming. FN to hand off some tasks to other EHC members	
11.	Information Sharing	
a.	Create a drop box	
b.	Immediate need: Oral History interviews, Dirt Road photos	
12.	Next Meetings	
a.	Friday 8/7/23 @ 9 am via zoom	RT
13.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish 8/3/23	

13.	Follow-up List	
a..	Retain an archivist	
b..	Budget: EHC to forward budget requests asap, EHC to forward budget requests asap	
c..	Bench in memory of Bill Wood at library garden – RT to follow-up with design development and discuss with Alexis Wreden	RT
d..	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 FN: Knox Road FN: Mill Road	
e..	<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 	