

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE: 07/11/22 @ 10:00 AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Douglas Cooper Abigail Rogers-McKee, Richard Burdsall****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, town website, Bill Wood, Francis Nestor****LOCATION: Zoom**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	06/06/22 minutes – duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2.	Jug End State Reservation – Guilder Estate	
a.	Timeline of events to date <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2/24 – receive copy of project notification form submitted to MHC by DCR (Jeffery Harris) 2. 3/27 – EHC send formal response letter to DCR & MHC 3. 4/8 – receive copy of formal response from MHC directed to DCR 	
b.	Received response from DCR on 4/15 that they will be consulting with MEPA (Mass Environmental Policy Act) to determine whether an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) will be required because the properties are part of MACRIS and its associations with the Stockbridge-Munsee Native American history. They will copy the EHC on their process and future communications with MHC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTE: 1737 deed to the property names (3) Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans conveying the land to John Van Guilder 	
c.	No additional correspondence has been received from MHC or DCR to date	
d.	Sub-committee (DC, FN & BK) meet on 4/14 to discuss options for creating an informative recreations site reusing existing foundation and gardens.	DC, BK, FN
e.	RT to follow up with MHC to see if any more has been done.	RT
f.	BK to form a committee to work on design options for the Guilder Estate.	BK 8/8
g.	Potential grant opportunities – speak to Juliette Haas regarding grants	BK8/8
h.	Potential to include several sectors of the Egremont/Sheffield population including representation from local Native American tribes since Van Guilder was Native American	
3.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	Discussion reserved for DD committee meeting	
b.	Strategy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DC to reach out to Elliott Snyder to discuss his past work on the Bylaw and impressions on it from the ZBA perspective 2. Reach out to Lenox HC for advice and lessons learned 	DC, BK
4.	Academy Building	
a.	Structural stabilization and ADA upgrade: Construction update: Belfry is in worse condition than anticipated. EHC would like to know what the schedule is for returning to the Archive Room	RT
b.	Garden: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Anonymous grant of \$10k to the Egremont Land Trust LLC 3. For a pocket garden 4. EHC will form a committee to develop the garden 5. Library trustees will be invited to participate. Peg Muskrat should be the contact 	BK
5.	Town Birthday Party – 247th	
a.	Date: weekend of 8/27	
b.	RT reached out to Friends of Prospect Lake to see if we could share one of the dates and celebrate together at Town Hall. Marj Wexler responded that FoPL would be more than happy to share and cross promote the events together.	
c.	EHC to reach out to the BoS to formalize the date and see if they will participate in the planning and the event this year.	RT
d.	Final location to be decided on, possibly upper parking area to keep separate from the tag sale. Schedule of events to be coordinated. RB has a story that he could present at the event on the schools.	
e.	Committees: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Refreshments – BK - cake/AM – beverages 2) Entertainment – BK to contact Doug Mishkin, Richard Burdsall to read story, awards ceremony 3) Attendance – EHC will reach out personally to get attendance for town commissions and agencies 4) T-shirts – 4 ordered (1 for last year’s quiz winner) for raffle and prizes 5) Kids activities – TBD 6) Songs and Photos from archive 7) 2022 Historical Quiz – Doug Cooper 8) Marketing – RT + Beth Wood 9) Decorations - FN 	
6.	Website – Not discussed	

a.	EHC members to review website and forward comments on revisions to FN	
b.	FN to coordinate with Carolyn for updates and addition of oral history recordings. These are currently on the EHC computer in the archive.	FN
7.	MACRIS	
a.	Schedule – RT to follow up with deliverable for draft forms for review 11/21: Start Work 6/22: Complete Work	RT
b.	Beth Wood has completed edits on Ephraim Baldwin House (EGR 127). RT to coordinate submission to MCH. Beth to forward invoice to EHC for payment	RT
c.	Look at adding Prospect Lake campground to MACRIS	RT
d.	The consultant for the MACRIS document has been terminated for cause. Ref. letter	
e.	It was agreed that EHC should request participation of the SB and Town Legal to be involved in discussions with consultant.	RT
f.	EHC has requested a proposal from Beth Woods for completion and correction of draft submission	RT/BW
8.	Community Garden Grant	
a.	Anonymous grant of \$10k was awarded to the EHC and Egremont Land Trust LLC to develop a ‘pocket garden’ Funds are being held by the Egremont Land Trust. The EHC will form a committee to develop the garden at the Academy Building / Egremont Library	
b.	Susan Bachelder received word of a possible grant opportunity for community and school gardens for up to \$15,000. She thought this would be a great opportunity to develop a new garden behind the Academy Building with the ongoing work happening now. The Library Trustees and EHC agreed that we should peruse the opportunity.	
c.	Susan B. and RT met with the BoS on 4/26 and were granted permission to apply for the grant.	
d.	Susan B. and RT coordinated with the Egremont Land Trust and Library to quickly prepare a grant application to submit on 4/30. Susan wrote the project description and RT prepared a proposed garden plan and estimate for the project. RT and the EHC are acting a point on the application. Awards will be granted by 5/30. If awarded the Egremont Land Trust will hold the funds for the project.	
e.	BK to chair committee	BK
f.	Potential Committee Members – Peg Muskrat/Land Trust/Library Trustee/Garden Club, AM/Garden Club,/Land Trust Susan Bachelder (citizen), Lucinda Vermuelen/SB, Tom Reynolds/Town Maintenance, Alexis Wreden – landscape consultant	BK
9.	Oral History Project – Not discussed	
a.	BT was not present at the meeting but sent out email notification that the Town Hall could be used for conducting interviews.	
b.	Develop list of potential interviewees 1. Richard Burdsall – read and tape stories, interview by BK 2. Fay Wood – to be contacted by BK Craig Elliot – Tales from the General Store and other stories – interview by BK/RB	BK, RB June
10.	ON GOING – Not discussed	
a.	Scholar’s Dinner 1. Shays Rebellion, the “Farmers Coup” 2. EGR 127 – home of Ephraim Fitch who resided there until 1794	
b.	Archive collection / organization / layout 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 a proposal and schedule	
c.	Egremont Newsletter – Future article ideas 1. Shun Toll Road – early way round to avoid paying the toll a. Owner: Neal and Rene Goff, 304 Egremont Plain Road b. House has been moved 2. Jug End 3. Prospect Lake – campground 4. Pinecrest Hill 5. Kenver 6. Col. Smiley	
d.	Future Outreach 1. Develop a local outreach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc. 2. Coffee, Tea and History a. History of April and using a Historic Preservation Restriction – Will Conklin b. Prospect lay 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	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session <ul 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. EHC mission statement 8. Genealogy Records – to be digitized. 	
11.	Next Meeting	
a.	Monday Aug 8 @ 10 am – Town Hall (RT to confirm)	RT
12.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish	