

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 08/07/23 @ 9AM****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Beth Wood, Mary McGurn****LOCATION: Zoom****DISTRIBUTION: Attendees plus Francis Nestor, Richard Burdsall, town website**

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	07/07/23 minutes duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved	
2.	190 Egremont Plain Road (Former North Egremont School House): Letter of recommendation regarding alterations sent to the BoS.	
3.	Membership	
a.	Elisabeth Wood has been confirmed as a member of the Historical Commission	
b.	Potential new members, possibly with local roots, perhaps Tom Race. EHC to reach out on Egremont Neighbors.	
c.	EHC Treasure: Since Abby's resignation, EHC will identify a new Treasurer	9/11/23
4.	Van Guilder Estate/Jug End	
a.	BK reached out to the DCA and AECOM regarding next steps with no response to date.	BK
b.	Stockbridge Munsee requested text regarding burial locations to be redacted by AECOM.	
c.	For "next steps" contact Jonathan Patton DCR Cultural Resources	
5.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	Collaborate with Planning Board and incorporate	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 	
d.	EHC DD Meeting: 8/21/23 @ 9am in the Archive Room	
6.	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. 4. Next steps – Old bldgs. on Jug End to Undermountain Rd, Lenka Malicky 74 MWR, Kaye property/Rolling Hill Farm 	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	
d.	Goal for completion: 9/30/23	
7.	Cliff House	
a.	Cliff House: letter sent, no response from Alander	
b.	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
8.	Oral History Project	
a.	On going	

b.	Fay Wood interview complete, will upload to Drop Box	BK
c.	EHC to seek funding for digitizing existing tapes. BK to develop a budget	BK
d.	BK to file recent interviews in Drop Box	BK
e.	Next interviews: Ginny Race who is currently in her 90's and home bound/Bill Turner '70's	
8.	Dirt Roads	
a.	It was agreed that the EHC will photo-document Egremont dirt roads 1) RT: Philips Road + Townhouse Road 2) BK: Pinecrest Hill, Bow Wow Lane, Guilder Hollow - photos completed, file to Drop Box 3) FN: Knox Road, recently cleaned up and Mill Road, MMG will forward photos	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.	Dropbox in place	
b.	Immediate need: Oral History interviews, Dirt Road photos	
12.	Last Minute Requests from the BoS: RT to discuss such requests for the EHC with BoS.	
13.	Next Meetings	
a.	Friday 9/11/23 @ 9 am via zoom	RT
14.	End of Minutes	
a.	Submitted by Barbara Kalish 9/10/23	

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..	<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 	