

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**MINUTES TO MEETING****MEETING DATE: 09/11/23 @ 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.	08/07/23 minutes duly moved, seconded and approved as noted	
2.	Website	
a.	Contact Caroline Alexander to set up meeting to review how to modify website layout. Rebecca can join this meeting 1) Re-work sections, setup a 'blog' style layout for news, update text throughout 2) Caroline to provide an estimate of time for re-work and training	FN
3.	Demolition Delay Bylaw	
a.	Beth Wood provided general markups for the Draft Bylaw – Rebecca to incorporate	RT
b.	Discussion of section 4: Administration 1) Whether or not to have language about “adopting a schedule of reasonable fees for administration”. Potential fees to be covered by this would be: a. Printing of application materials b. Posting meetings to newspapers, neighbors, etc. c. Potentially hiring an architectural historian as required. 2) It was decided to keep the language for now and determine potential fees and if this is covered by the town or applicant during Planning Board and Selectboard review. Rebecca to review other application fees associated with other boards.	
c.	Discussion on what National Register Historic District status means for homes in the North & South Villages related to the demo delay bylaw. 1) Rebecca noted that homes in these districts would only be reviewed by Mass Historic and potentially the EHC if the construction project is funded by State or Federal grant money.	
d.	Next Steps: 1) Begin ‘advertising’ of the bylaw to the public a. Article for the next town newsletter b. Add information to the EHC website c. Begin to prepare information handout 2) Finalize timeline to have this on the Spring 2024 warrant a. Send to Planning Board for comments b. Determine when to submit to Selectboard to start official process to get onto the warrant	RT/BK
4.	DRAFT Open Space and Recreation Plan	
a.	The EHC sent a letter to the Planning Board with comments about the Open Space and Recreations plan with comments and recommendations related to historic preservations and demolition delay bylaw	
b.	There has been no response to this letter at the date of our meeting. The next planning board meeting is on 9/13. Rebecca to follow up with the Planning Board	RT
c.	ADDED AFTER MEETING: the Planning board met on 8/30. They showed the EHC letter of comments to the comprehensive plan and noted that it will be added as an Appendix to the comprehensive plan. It was also noted in the meeting that most of our comments would also be incorporated in some way into the updated document.	
5.	EHC Treasurer	
a.	Francis Nestor was nominated as new Treasurer of the EHC. This was unanimously approved. Rebecca to notify the town of this.	RT
6.	Membership	
a.	Potential new members. EHC to reach out on Egremont Neighbors and to Tom Race	RT
7.	MACRIS	

a.	Beth is actively working on the updates and re-write to the 2021-2022 forms. Goal for completion: 9/30/23	
b.	Prospect Lake property is nearing completion.	
c.	Prepare list of 10 properties for next round of properties: 1) Update of EGR.77 – 2 Boice Rd. in North Egremont 2) Update of EGR 79 – 1 Prospect Lake Road in N. Egremont (Inn at Sweet Water Farm) 3) Update of EGR 92 – 190 Egremont Plain Rd in N. Egremont (South Egremont School) 4) New Property – 74 Mt. Washington Road 5) New Property – 67 Mt. Washington Road 6) New Property – 5 The Avenue (off of Mt. Washington Road) 7) Additional Property’s TBD	
8.	Van Guilder Estate/Jug End	
a.	BK reached out to the DCR and AECOM regarding next steps with no response to date.	
b.	Unclear if the report by AECOM has been finalized and submitted to MHC	
c.	Barbara to reach out to propose a meeting with DCR & MCH to determine what is happening and what the new timeline is. Proposed dates of November 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd for a zoom meeting.	BK
9.	Oral History Project	
a.	On Going	
b.	Some interviews have been uploaded to the dropbox. Rebecca to file on the EHC computer	RT
c.	Next Interviews: Ginny Race, Bill Turner, Warren ‘Bud’ Candy	BK
10.	Dropbox	RT
a.	Rebecca to reconfigure and download files.	
b.	Research cost for business account for additional storage space.	
11.	190 Egremont Plain Road – former North Egremont School	
a.	Mary Brazie requested an additional letter from the EHC restating the importance of upholding the preservation restriction on the property.	
12.	Last Minute Requests from the BoS: RT to discuss such requests for the EHC with BoS.	
13.	Next Meeting:	
a.	Monday October 9 th @ 9am via zoom	
14.	Submitted by Rebecca Turner 10/09/23	

	Follow-up List	
a.	Retain an archivist	
b.	Memorial for Bill Wood	
c.	<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. 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 	