

The meeting was called to order by President Page promptly at 7:30pm. The acting secretary was late signing in and missed the reading of the minutes. It is reported that President Page took the attendance.

Item		Notes	Follow-up
Review and Approve November Membership Meeting minutes	C.Page	Approved without objection	
Treasurer's Report	J.Bourgault	Explained and without objection or question Passed unanimously	
Library Liaison	L.Moulton	<p>Lynda - The EBHLA has changed board meetings to the first Thursday of each month. Next is 02/03 & 03/03. Opening hours will be covered by D Gutcheon and trustees. Reviewed hours that they will be open to try to get to 12 hours/week. Seeking volunteers to serve. Saturday Schedules were reviewed for Coffee & Donuts. Suggests a need for 2 people on staff on Saturdays</p> <p>Doing fundraising with Puzzles and an appeal letter. The Library has sold half of the Puzzles. They can be bought via the EBHLA website https://www.eastbluehillpubliclibrary.org/ and select DONATE.</p> <p>CARYL Request hours be posted on the Library door. This was accepted as a good idea</p> <p>Lynda will drop off her puzzle to her house</p> <p>The Library is scheduling events for the coming year. There are no specific plans for now.</p> <p>Lynda is in the process of looking at expanding the</p>	EBHLA will wait to hear of our evolution on uses of the PO Building and development of water resources.

		<p>library for space for archiving.</p> <p>Kenny suggested the PO building be purchased by the library.</p> <p>Library is interested in hearing our plans</p> <p>Jeff reviewed and read the conversation with the library last week. Please see that report. *</p> <p>Gabriel suggests a non-water use system be considered.</p> <p>David Peabody is an expert on this subject, as is Colby Smith.</p> <p>Jeanne suggests a joint omission with the EBHLA.</p> <p>Katherine suggests waiting until the NRHP (National Registry of Historic Places responds.</p>	
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ramp Committee	G Wellman	<p>Gabrielle has submitted her report**. Indicates a need for more patching on the north side of the ramp.</p> <p>Clifton will fill in the ruts at the Reuters</p>	<p>Milliken/Rhine to offer consulting services to all new volunteers who would help on this project</p>
Park Committee	H.Westcott	<p>Two bundles of cedar shingles have been acquired for finishing the roof on the summer house. They will be applied as weather permits.</p>	<p>Apply shingles as weather permits</p>
Tree Committee	P.Norris	<p>No report</p>	
Founders Hall	K.Milliken	<p>Furnace is now available and can take on new fuel.</p> <p>Suggests putting 100 gal in the tank. Motion made to add 100 gal to the tank. Seconded. Passed unanimously</p> <p>Wants to hold off on indoor events before developing a plan/policy due to covid issues related to community spread</p>	<p>K Milliken will order 100 gal of heating fuel for the FH</p> <p>C. Page to report on response from the Maine Steeple Fund and Belfry restoration company</p>

		Clifton reported that he had Filled in the Maine Steeple Fund and they have invited us to submit an application Met with a company that does restoration of Belfries and they will make a site visit as well	
Building Committee	P.Ball	Complete Summer House Roof Nielson Recognition	These topics were not discussed except under the heading of Park Committee above. Need to discuss planning recognition of Nielson for the contribution of the summer house
Membership Committee	L.Yntema	Membership Renewal Form including option for inclusion in village-wide directory. Jeff described the process that worked so well last year. Data was shared by Phil and Jeanne with the membership cmtc and data was applied to the membership list and mailing list kept by the committee.	Jeff and EBHVIA awaiting the inundation of dues that is surely coming.
FundRaising Committee	K. Milliken H. Wescott	Food Sale Last Sat of the month. Will occur Jan 30 Jeff suggested engaging a grant writer, perhaps Kristin Lamas. Matt Herrington has volunteered his wife Shannon Hawkins as a grant writer as well Jeanne reminds that we are doing well with food sales, LRD and grange hall sale	Food Sale is planned for Saturday January 29th at the Post Office Building, out doors if weather permits, indoors with heat for limited customers at a time.
Communications Committee	P. Norris K. Robinson C.Heaton R.Neblett	~Village-wide Directory - No plans put forward ~February Newsletter need a volunteer	Waiting for membership application with designation of desire of members to have their demographics in a directory
Steeple Committee	C.Page	~Restoring Belfry see above ~Grant application? See above	

Post Office Revisioning Committee	J.Milliken	~Gift for Blue Hill post office as thanks - this was not discussed. Should be brought forward at the next meeting. Jeff provided the report from the last PO Repurpose CMTE*** More ideas for use of the building are always welcome	PO Building to be cleaned out before the 29th of January.
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VIA Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, Tuesday, January 11, 2022 via Zoom: Agenda 2

OLD BUSINESS			
Village-to-Village	S.Juster	News from Tanzania?> No report	
Lee Leach Recognition	K.Milliken	Portrait progress. Karen has corresponded with Pat Chandler, the artist who did the portrait of Ronnie Conray, who is interested in working with us again for a portrait of Lee Leach. We need to decide what we want. Seeks suggestions on size. Do not need such a big portrait as we have of Ronnie. Clifton suggests the pastel to match the one of Ronnie.	Karen will continue to work on this project
Holiday Baskets/Caroling	K.Robinson	This project brought great joy to the basket contributors, fillers and distributors. 12 baskets with generous homemade food donations as wells as cash donations totaling \$650, making purchase of fresh fruits, holiday hams, and substantial food gifts cards possible. All baskets were received warmly in spirit. It is a defining event for the village. We should all be proud of this work	Plan on a repeat of this project in perpetuity.

CLYNK PROJECT	J MILLIKEN		<p>Attempts are being made to provide a supply of Clynk bags and tags to the village for the purpose of raising money for the EBHVIA. We are trying to create a one stop shop process so that villagers can pick up their bags and tags at the same time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Collect individual account bags and tags with a constant direction to the Clynk accounting procedure to always deposit the income from the individual account into the EBHVIA account. See letter to Alison Vanderhoof below.**** 2) Arrange for rolls of 100 or more tags be made available for the EBHVIA account at Clynk so that they could be placed on the bags purchased by individual account holders. 	
Handbook	C.Page	9:00	Scheduling in progress between Clifton and Jeff	
New Business			<p>Caryl suggests she will postpone her pickleball plans and would like to do a music event. Summer talks or performances with a new cmte - all pending Covid limitations for indoor events. Clifton offers the idea of an EVENTS CMTE WHICH CARYL COULD CHAIR AND HELEN AND CLIFTON WILL JOIN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THERE IS NOW AN EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY CARYL HEATON</p>	<p>Caryl Heaton will organize an Events Committee Add EVENTS COMMITTEE to the standing agenda</p>
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 pm, respectfully submitted, Jeff Milliken, substitute secretary				

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2027

* 220111 THOUGHTS SHARED WITH THE EBHLA AT THEIR MEETING 220106

J MILLIKEN WAS INVITED TO THE MEETING OF THE EBHLA TO SHARE THE THOUGHTS BELOW.
The outline of the decision tree was sent to K Marsh via email on 220103 via email.

OUTLINE OF DECISION TREE

1. EBHVIA POST OFFICE BUILDING SEEKS A PURPOSE
2. RUNNING WATER WOULD INCREASE THE POSSIBILITIES
3. WOULD NEED A WELL AND A SEPTIC SYSTEM
 - A. LIBRARY NEEDS A BATHROOM
 - B. DAVID PEABODY HAS DETERMINED WHERE A WELL COULD BE DRILLED AND WHERE A SEPTIC SYSTEM COULD BE PLACED
 - C. IF A WATER SYSTEM IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE EBHLA, A COMBINED APPROACH COULD OCCUR.
 - I. COMBINED COSTS WOULD INCLUDE THE DRILLING, LAYING THE APPROPRIATE PIPES AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEPTIC SYSTEM.
 - II. COSTS WOULD ONLY BE SHARED FOR WORK DONE EXTERIOR TO THE TWO STRUCTURES.

CAN WE PROCEED IN THIS VEIN?

The audience was very interested in this plan. There were many questions including what other options have been considered for the use of the building. All of the questions and observations were valid and reflected the stage at which the committee finds itself, planning, troubleshooting and practical considerations. We are all waiting for the NRHP to send us guidelines on alterations that can be done in the building.

Kenny Weinberg was there to promote a need for a building in which his collection of local Maine authors could be housed. He proposed the following: He has 100 + books from local authors and would like to take over the PO as a repository for these books and offered that the EBHLA would buy the building with enough land to have a well and a

septic system that could provide water for the library needs as well. Would include a museum as well. Would offer \$1.00 as a purchase price.

NO COMMITMENTS WERE MADE

The above was presented to the EBHLA meeting on Thursday 6 January, 2022

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Milliken

**** RAMP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Not much to report at the ramp. All boats are gone. I notice that we need to do either a patch job or better on the right side (facing the water) of the ramp and to smooth out the ruts at the top of the driveway. Any volunteers to help in the spring doing these items? Would involve an hour or two and moving a several bags of cold patch and tamping it in place.

Thank you, G. Wellman

***** POST OFFICE REPURPOSE CMTE MEETING ON 7JAN22**

BUILDING RELATED PROJECTS FOR THE COMMITTEE:

1. TRACK DOWN REQUIREMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS.
EmailTo the National Park Service, 220105. I write concerning our property listed with National Registry of Historic Places, the Post Office Building in East Blue Hill, Maine; REGISTRY NUMBER IS: 3000016,
2. CATALOGUE ARCHIVES: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/88686083>. The USPS has terminated the use of the building for postal services as of 211211. We, the East Blue Hill Village Improvement Association would like to repurpose the building which would include minor variations to the internal structure. I am hoping that your agency will contact us/me with the restrictions that are imposed by the registry. Sincerely, Jeff Milliken -
EMAIL TO THE US PARK SERVICES 220106
3. FIND OUR REGISTRY NUMBER AND CERTIFICATE
REGISTRY NUMBER IS: 3000016
CATALOGUE ARCHIVES: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/88686083>

4. GENERATE A LIST FOR PURPOSES WITH AND WITHOUT RUNNING WATER see below
5. MAINTAIN THE SIGN ON THE OUTSIDE IDENTIFYING IT AS THE POST OFFICE
6. MAINTAIN THE FLAGPOLE AS IS
7. MAINTAIN THE OILED FLOORS
8. GAIN ACCESS TO AND EXPLORE THE SECOND FLOOR ATTIC
9. GENERATE A KEY LIST

CLEAN OUT THE BUILDING OF ITS CONTENTS

WASH THE INSIDE OF THE BUILDING - DATE TBA

PAINT THE INSIDE OF THE BUILDING - DATE TBA

MOVE THE STOVE TO A LOCATION UNDER THE CHIMNEY OR TO THE SHED PENDING APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY = see email above

RE-ASSESS:

All ideas will need wifi access.

PURPOSES WITH RUNNING WATER

- A. Coffee shop - social gathering place
- B. Pub Club - social gathering place
- C. Food sales

All of the ones below

PURPOSES WITHOUT RUNNING WATER

1. Meeting space (if Library builds a BR)
2. Office Space (if Library builds a BR)

3. Museum for/of EBH
4. Studio or Gallery - Kate has great ideas for this
5. Storage space
6. E-Charging station with credit card payments to the VIA. Could be this with any other option
7. ATM
8. Clynk Kiosk
9. UPS/Fed Express Drop Off station
10. Vending machine center
11. Games Arcade
12. Homemade food sales one day per week
13. Library Annex for archives
14. Air BNB

Claire offers that we should put the well & septic now even if we do not need it now, it would be nice to have.

Will need a grant writer for the plumbing. Grant could go to the Library as they are required to have a BR.

**** CLYNK REPORT - LETTER TO ALISON VANDERHOOF

Alison Vanderhoof, President & CEO

Clynk

100 Waterman Dr, Suite 301

South Portland, ME 04106-2880

11 January, 2022

Re: Automatic Transfer of Account Balances to Charity Accounts

Dear Alison,

I am grateful to Clynk for having invested in the operation that you are now running as a means of recycling on a state wide scale. I am also writing as a member of the East Blue Hill Village Improvement Association (EBHVIA) in

East Blue Hill, Maine. Our Federal Tax ID number is **01-0480601**. Our Charter number with the Secretary of State is 19600045ND.

As a small community we all know each other. A large proportion of our residents would very much like to be able to make Clynk deposits to their own Clynk Accounts having made arrangements for the proceeds earned from those deposits to be paid out to the EBHVIA Clynk account. We would like to have this transfer to the EBHVIA occur automatically without further intervention by us the donors.

My wife and I have a Clynk account. We would like to make as many Clynk deposits as we can. We do not want the deposit returns to come back to us. We would like the deposit returns to go directly to the EBHVIA Clynk account for their benefit at every threshold that Clynk determines to be the correct time to distribute. Many of us are dedicated to the EBHVIA and would like to use your process as a way to demonstrate our support. We would like to be able to have this happen without our intervention at times of distribution. Once directed by us individual account holders, Clynk would simply credit the EBHVIA account with funds that Clynk would otherwise distribute to us the individual account holders.

Can this process be done through the internal Clynk accounting system?

If Not:

If at the request of the EBHVIA, can key fobs and pin numbers be acquired and disseminated by the EBHVIA so that we all get the EBHVIA account tags to put on our bags from the local kiosk indicating that they are EBHVIA account bags with EBHVIA account tags?

Can the EBHVIA account tags be acquired in rolls of 100 or more for dissemination to the members of the EBHVIA?

Can Clynk Bags be acquired in quantities of 100 or more bags on a roll or rolls for either individual or EBHVIA account holders?

It is very likely that there is already a mechanism that you have available that will satisfy the needs of this very small village and its need to raise funds on an ongoing basis. I am simply not able to find a description on your brochures that will meet the need.

I look forward to your considered advice.

Kindly,
Jeff Milliken
Clynk Account 303302733
Cc: Clifton Page, President, EBHVIA
John Burns, Friend of Clynk and member of EBHVIA

COMMENTS FROM J. BURNS

Lovely letter, sir. Hopefully she'll respond. Last I checked:

1. Any individual who wants to direct find to a non- profit, like VIA, needs to access their account, find and hit the donate button, find the entity to which it would like to donate, click that, and voila. I don't recall an automatic "recurring transfer" option.
2. Annoyingly, they do not provide cards for entities like VIA so that administrators can get tags at the local kiosks. Perhaps they have altered and improved those aspects of their service. If not, appeals such as yours may prompt them to do so.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Milliken, Acting Secretary - who misses Kate Robinson - 220112