

**Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging
August 31, 2016 Egremont Town Hall**

Present: B. Bernstein, Chair; G. Kinney; D. Salamon; H. Krancer; M. Muskrat; E. Goldberg
Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

1. Bruce introduced Egremont Police Chief Tyler Race. Chief Race would like to continue the Department's interaction with Egremont's seniors and the COA. He challenged the COA to come up with ideas that would strengthen that relationship. Officer Jen Brown is working on a list of names. Georgette gave Chief Race some yellow emergency cards for his distribution. The Chief was invited to the October 5th Tea Party and the December 4th Holiday Party in order to meet the seniors in attendance. Bruce mentioned his concern about drunk and/or distracted drivers town wide and proposed the Committee consider ways to help reduce the problem.
2. Minutes of July 20 COA meeting were approved as corrected.
3. Bruce reminded the COA of the next Appalachian Trail Conservancy gathering on Friday Sept. 16. There will be a tour of the Kellogg Center and farm house as well as a hike.
4. Bruce would like to have an in depth discussion of Be Seen. Be Safe at the Sept 21st COA meeting.
5. Georgette presented a list of names and phone numbers of those being invited to the October 5 Tea Party being held at The Egremont Village Inn from 4:00 to 5:30PM. All are welcome to attend. Diane is the event organizer. She has asked Elizabeth Kasevich to give a fifteen minute presentation at the event. Diane also presented a detailed list of the Tea Party Committee's responsibilities as well as various expenditures.
6. Diane presented the COA with a universal Event Checklist.
7. Georgette shared a list of all of the exercise programs in the Southern Berkshire that are geared toward the aging. She will coordinate with office staff to create a single page document that can be printed for publicity purposes. She reminded us that Claire starts her classes on Friday September 16 from 9:30 to 10:30.
8. John Hockenberry will make a presentation on how to tell a story as well as tell a story at the COA Holiday Gala on Sunday afternoon, December 4. Bruce is the event chair; he will firm up the time and venue.
9. The December Sing-Along led by Christine Dellea has been moved from the seventh to the fourteenth.
10. The Committee reviewed and updated the event calendar for the coming year. The iPad classes with Vicki will resume this Fall.
11. Diane will present the calendar/agenda to the Mount Washington COA in order to get additional support.
12. Helen mentioned her concern regarding budget cuts for seniors and would like the COA to consider ways we can be of some help.
13. Georgette will be distributing more yellow emergency cards to various venues including the senior centers and police station.
14. Next COA meeting will be September 21 at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Goldberg