

**Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging
September 21, 2016 - Egremont Town Hall**

Present: B. Bernstein, Chair; G. Kinney; D. Salomon; H. Krancer; Chet Delaney; E. Goldberg
Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

1. Minutes of August 31 COA meeting were approved.
2. Chief Race joined the meeting and participated in the Be Seen, Be Safe discussion. He reviewed the AGE TRIAD flyer and Bruce talked about that group's goals and ideas about safety. An effort is being made to acquire more neon vests so more can be distributed to walkers. Chet suggested that a card with safety tips be made available to hand out. Helen is looking into further (ANSI approved) neon attire. Chief Race agreed to have vests and other materials in the cruisers. They will stop pedestrians exhibiting risky walking behavior and give advice and materials as appropriate.
3. Bruce had Will print up additional Appalachian Trail Hikes brochures.
4. Georgette presented the COA Events and Activities Calendar/flyer that was mailed to residents. Bruce mentioned the calendar received a standing ovation from the COA Advisory Board. Georgette is continuing to contact Berkshire South Community Center in order to increase affordable programming. The COA will be co-sponsoring Sunday evening movies at The Egremont Village Inn.
5. Georgette proposed that a Dec or Jan newsletter be sent out to remind residents of upcoming programs and also how to sign up for the Egremont Police emergency contact list. Bruce wants to invite Jen Brown to a meeting in order to get an update on the contact list..
6. Bruce will apply for an Elder Services Grant for next year in order to increase exercise classes.
7. Discussion regarding a fee policy for events took place. The Board agreed to place a jar or envelope at events so attendees could make a donation. Helen agreed to stand at the door and let people know donations are appreciated.
8. Chet gave an update on the juggling event. He read Roger the jester's bio and explained that Roger would be leading exercises using balls that are fun, and promote focus, dexterity and memory. Lunch will be served and each Board member will be assigned a table for which they are responsible for serving and clearing.
9. Diane provided an update on the Tea Party. The original presenter has cancelled; Diane will research a tea related topic and make a presentation herself. She contacted Bridgette Harney and procured a donation of tea for the event from Harney and Sons. The Mount Washington COA is covering extra help for serving tea. Diane is sending Helen a news release to send out and also plans to write a review of the event for publication. Georgette is working on the certificates. Diane asked the Board to arrive 45 minutes early to help set up. Bruce will pick up the PA system.
Diane took a moment to thank Georgette for her Herculean effort on the event calendar/flyer and wanted everyone to know about Mount Washington's rave reviews upon receiving it. Georgette wanted Sandra Martin to get the credit for doing the layout.
10. Bruce spoke with Nick Keene about exploring the possibility of The Barn being used as space for seniors to hang out and have coffee. Nick is interested in further discussion about promoting The Barn.
11. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.
12. Next COA meeting will be October 19 at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Goldberg