

**Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging
January 17, 2017 - Egremont Town Hall**

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

1. Minutes of December 21 COA meeting were approved as distributed.
2. The Eunice Agar event was very well received. Helen thanked the COA Board for their help in seeing that all ran smoothly.
3. Dianne discussed the quilting event which she will be hosting on February 1st at The Egremont Village Inn. Nancy Wright will be the guest speaker and her friend Catherine Kane will also be presenting. There will be a narrative on the history of quilting as well as a presentation of several quilts. Georgette is in charge of lunch. Bruce will provide a microphone. Georgette, Dianne and Eve will do sandwich boards. Helen will provide P.R. The COA Board should arrive at The Inn at 11:15. Bruce wants to recognize Ginger (Georgette's sister) for her help at our events. Chet wants to research purchasing a lavalier microphone.
4. Chet discussed the March 1st luncheon on the topic of scamming which he will be hosting. He spoke with Police Chief Race who plans to research the topic and make a presentation. Chet will take care of equipment; Georgette - food; Peg and Georgette - sandwich board; Bruce - mic; Chet and Dianne - P.R..
5. Bruce passed out a notification for homeowners and seniors 65 and over stating their eligibility for the Massachusetts "Circuit Breaker" tax credit.
6. There was a discussion on Be Seen - Be Safe. The program continues to be enthusiastically received. TRIAD and Fairview Hospital will each contribute \$500 to the effort. Cruisers will continue to carry safety vests and advise pedestrians. The next shipment of vests will showcase a logo promoting TRIAD, Fairview Hospital and the Egremont COA. Dianne committed \$80 to make vests for Mount Washington. A spring event is being discussed. Suggestions to hand out the vests at the luncheons as well as march in local Memorial Day parades were made.
7. A discussion took place on Housing for Seniors in Egremont.
8. Georgette presented the new program/calendar flyer that she, Dianne and Sandra Martin put together. Georgette also approached Berkshire South in order to create further programming for seniors. The programs will be added to the list upon approval.
9. Georgette presented the budget. Money available in the town budget is \$1600; The COA is due to receive another \$1400 to \$2100 from the state. There is \$1400 in a special account which rolls over each year. Future commitments include: Church rental \$360; aerobics instructor \$850; six future events \$1500; outreach \$500. Peg Muskrat will be taking on the outreach role as she is a long time denizen and well known. She was given a list of questions to ask Egremonters to find out how the COA can do more in order to be helpful as well as how we can make our events continue to be relevant and interesting. The COA agreed that a line should be put in the budget that would allow for a part time administrator for the Egremont COA.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Goldberg