

**Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging  
March 8, 2017 - Egremont Town Hall**

Present: B. Bernstein; D. Salamon; G. Kinney; M. Muskrat; E. Goldberg; C. Delaney  
Meeting called to order at 12:00noon

1. Minutes of February 14 COA meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Bruce is chairing the April 5<sup>th</sup> photography luncheon with Doane Perry. Attendees are being told to bring their smart phones. Peg will pick up lunch; Dianne and Georgette will prepare the sandwich boards. Dianne and Helen will do advance notices. Dianne will do a public relations recap. The committee should assemble at The Egremont Village Inn at 11:15.
3. Be Seen - Be Safe program continues to receive a very positive response. The COA Committee voted to fund the purchase of 100 additional vests with the Egremont and Mount Washington logo imprinted on them. They will be supplied to Town Hall and local B & Bs.
4. The scamming awareness event was very well received; \$105 was raised from donations. It was extremely informative.
5. The Council on Aging is allowed seven members. The number of associate members allowed is unlimited; if people have an interest in joining COA efforts they should initially be encouraged to be an associate member.
6. Georgette and Peg collaborated on a job description for a part time COA Coordinator. Chet will do some further editing and get it back to Peg who will send it to the appropriate entities. The position runs September through June; it will be for 28 hours per month at \$17.50 per hour.
7. Bruce will invite Jane Apkin (Director, Seniors Helping Seniors) to our next meeting. The COA will discuss possible luncheon presentation topics.
8. Bruce mentioned that the Great Barrington Senior Center is hosting a memory café the third Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.
9. Hour of Music event on Sunday April 9 will be coordinated by Georgette and Dianne. Matei Varga will be playing the piano.
10. A fire prevention event is being proposed for the French Park luncheon. Peg will contact the fire department. Chet is looking into fire extinguisher companies. A fire extinguisher raffle was proposed.
11. A short discussion regarding the condition and needs of the Egremont Congregational Church took place but no conclusions were made.
12. Next meeting will be Wednesday April 12 at noon.
13. Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eve Goldberg