

Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging
April 12, 2017 - Egremont Town Hall

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

1. Minutes of March 8 COA meeting were approved as distributed.
2. The Matei Varga event was very successful. Chet will write a thank you note to Domaneys for donating wine and assorted cheeses.
3. Doane Perry's presentation on photography was positively received. Approximately \$80 was raised.
4. Because the Great Barrington Senior Center was closed due to flooding, senior medical transportation was affected. It was hoped that vans from Sheffield, Alford and West Stockbridge would help out but the new program did not get underway on time.
5. Bruce wanted everyone to be aware that a variety of local grief support groups exist for those who have lost loved ones to opiates.
6. A big event is the planning stage for Be Seen, Be Safe on Wednesday June 21st at the Claire Teague Senior Center in Great Barrington. There will be a picnic/cookout lunch served and free vests will be distributed. Georgette (on behalf of Egremont) will make a check out to the Alford Egremont Great Barrington TRIAD for \$500.00 which will buy 100 vests. Mount Washington will also be sponsoring the purchase of additional vests.
7. Jane Apkin (Director, Seniors Helping Seniors) could not attend the meeting. She will be reinvited to our next meeting in order to discuss possible luncheon presentation topics..
8. The COA voted to again sponsor Liz Jaffe and her iPhone class. The fee for four sessions is \$20 per person.
9. Bruce will contact Vicki Windman to see if she would like to resume her July iPad class.
10. Georgette is ironing out the details of Bob Climo's cooking demonstration for the May luncheon at The Inn.
11. The French Park Picnic will be on Wednesday June 7th at 11:30am. There will be a one mile walking challenge, lunch and a presentation by Liz Keen of Indian Line Farm.
12. Peg is contacting Fire Chief Bill Turner in order to discuss presenting a program regarding fire safety.
13. The COA will be moving the regular meeting time to the third Tuesday of each month at noon.
14. A position description for a part time administrative assistant for the COA (28 hours per month) was distributed.
15. Chet distributed an initial draft of the COA Board's mission.
16. A discussion took place on term limits for officers.
17. Next meeting will be Tuesday May 16th at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Goldberg