



Egremont News

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Selectmen:

The Board welcomes new Highway employee Josh Labshere.

Full-time Police Officer Kyle Kemp and Egremont resident graduated from the Police Academy in Springfield, after 8 long months, in August. We congratulate him and welcome him back to work. If you see him around town make sure to congratulate him.



(Full-time Police Officer Kyle Kemp)

Work on the Egremont School House could be moving forward soon. It was determined by the State Historical Commission that the originally anticipated Archeological Study is not required.

The Open House on October 16 was a great success. The weather was picture perfect. Many residents stopped by to say hello.

Work on the FY 18 budget has begun with the distribution of budget forms to all Department heads. There is an All Boards meeting scheduled for Monday evening, October 24, to start preliminary discussions and answer questions regarding the budget process. In addition, the town received its Free Cash from the Department of Revenue. Free Cash as of July 1, 2016 for the Town of Egremont is as follows:

General Fund: \$335,773.00

Water Enterprise Fund: \$31,394.00

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, will be holding a public hearing on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7PM at the Egremont Town Hall to determine the tax classification for the Fiscal Year 2017. This is just one of a number of steps required to set the tax rate each year.

Work has begun on the Mt Washington Road Bridge and is progressing nicely. The bridge is expected to be open by the second week of November.

Pole Survey work being conducted by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute is in progress. It is known that surveys have been conducted on Jug End Road and Town House Hill Roads. This survey should be completed by mid-November.

In response to a newspaper article that appeared in the Berkshire Record regarding issues with school assessments that are alleged by the SBRSD School Committee, the BOS voted to send a letter to the School District requesting clarification. We will keep you informed.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Town report will be published and distributed by December 1.

ECO-TIP

Take shorter showers. A good idea even when there isn't a drought!

Town Clerk:

Information on the Upcoming November Election:

Tuesday, November 8th, is Election Day. Our polling station is the North Egremont Fire House, 175 Egremont Plain Road. Voting hours are 7:00am - 8:00pm.

For this election not only will you be voting for President, but also on the ballot will be US Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Sheriff, School Committee and numerous ballot

questions. Copies of specimen ballots are view at Town Hall, the South Egremont Post Office and the North Egremont Store. Please familiarize yourself with the entire ballot before Election Day as it is very long.

Absentee Voting is still available to those who cannot physically come to the North Egremont Fire House or who will be away from the polls on Election Day. Absentee Voting is done by mail or over the counter, so if you would like a ballot sent to you, please email Juliette Haas at townclerk@egremont-ma.gov and request an absentee ballot.

If you have any questions about the various methods of voting for the November election please give Town Clerk Juliette Haas a call at 413-528-0182 ext 11.



(Town Clerk Juliette Haas and retired Constable Rosemary Besancon flank the Town's Voting Box, still being used, which was put in service in Egremont in 1933.)

ECO-TIP

Turn off the lights. Leaving the room? Flip that switch!

Board of Assessors:

Chapter Land: Thank you all who have Chapter Land; that is, lands classified and taxed according to Chapter 61 [Forest Land], Chapter 61A [Agricultural/Horticultural Land], and Chapter 61B [Recreational Land] for getting your applications in on time and complete. We appreciate your efforts.

Tax Rate: The tax rate for fiscal 2017 has not been set at this time.

Business owners: If you are opening or closing a business please be sure to notify the Assessors' office.

Abatements: Actual (not Preliminary) Real Estate Tax bills will be sent out in early January. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of

the bill to apply for an abatement. The issue date is on the bill and is usually January 1.

Form of List/Personal Property. "Form of List" for business owners (and second home owners every three years) are used to declare Personal Property subject to taxation. Personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, and machinery used in the conduct of business or in a 'non-primary' home. These forms are mailed out in early December.

Changes of Mailing Address: Please request a **Change of Address Form** when you want to officially change your address. These forms can be found at the Assessors' Office or on the Town's website. In the future when we receive any request for an address change in any other form we will send you the Change of Address Form. Thank you for your attention to this.

Automobile Excise: Reminder - If you sell or trade a motor vehicle, please be certain to send proof of plate transfer/return or sale and the excise abatement form.

The charge for **Abutters Lists** that are prepared by the Assessors' Office is \$1.00 per parcel reported.

If you have any questions please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Monday 7-8:30; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 or email us at assessors@egremont-ma.gov.

ECO-TIP

Unplug electronic devices not in use. A master switch can be a big help for related devices (computer, printer, modem, etc.).

Sustainability Coordinator:

For the third year in a row the Town of Egremont was awarded grant money from MassDEP rewarding us for the many recycling and waste reduction programs we offer our residents. The first year we received \$500. The second year the amount increased to \$2500. This year, because of added programs, we were notified that we will receive \$3500! Cha-ching!! These funds will go towards upgrading our Transfer Station, purchasing recycling bins at French Park, compost buckets, compostableware and other materials to make recycling easier.

In addition to the usual items like glass and plastic containers and paper products that must by state law be separated from your trash for recycling, here is a quick list of other things we separate from our trash:

Collection of food waste: our community compost bin at the Transfer Station is the talk of the Commonwealth!

Come to Town Hall and get a free compost bucket and start composting your kitchen scraps today.

Swap Shop: Affectionately known as "The Egremont Mall" our Swap Shop is a place to take items that others may take and reuse. You never know what treasures you may find at the Swap Shop.

Textile recycling: Our friends at Goodwill have their truck in front of Town Hall usually on the third Saturday of the month. They collect textiles in any condition for either reuse or recycling.

Computer Equipment: Again our friends at Goodwill also collect this material. Bring them your old monitors, peripherals (mice, cables, scanners, etc.) printers, fax machines, in any condition.

Wood pellet and water softener bags: These are taken to a recycler and turned into things like fleece jackets.

Bulky Rigid Plastics (BRPs): Things like kiddie pools, plastic lawn furniture, buckets and pails with handles, plastic flower pots are now collected for recycling instead of going into the trash.

Metal items: There is a dumpster at the Transfer Station that holds metal items. The town gets paid for the tonnage we collect.

Household Hazardous Waste: Things like motor oil, oil base paints and paint thinners should never go into the trash. Four times a year events are held locally to collect these materials free of charge. Contact Town Hall to find out when and where.

Sharps: Because it is now illegal to put sharps (aka: used needles) into the trash Egremont has its own sharps collection kiosk at the Transfer Station. Ask Transfer Station operator Bill to locate it for you - he'll even give you free OSHA-approved sharp containers.

Rechargeable Batteries and Old Cell Phones: In Town Hall there is a box which takes this material.

Leaves and Grass Clippings: There is an area on the road up to the Transfer Station where you can deposit your residential leaves. Also, the community compost bin takes small, residential loads of grass clippings.

Every day more and more of our residents take advantage of these easy to do trash collection and recycling programs. The environmental benefits are huge and the town saves money when we produce less trash. If you need more information about these programs please give Sustainability Coordinator Juliette Haas a call at 413/528-0182 x 22.

ECO-TIP

No need to remove staples or paperclips when recycling

paper. Just toss the whole packet in. Also, envelope windows are recyclable.

Board of Health:

The entire state of Massachusetts has been under a drought advisory for some time. Depending on the location, drought levels across our state range from moderate to severe. While there is no solid evidence that water levels have been shrinking, there has been increased activity in Egremont home owners stating their well water as seen a change in the yield.

Other than praying for a long, steady period of rain to recharge the groundwater, homeowners should conserve water when they can. Here are some water saving tips:

1. Place a bucket in your shower to catch surplus water
2. Turn off the tap while brushing teeth
3. Turn off the tap while washing your hands
4. Fix your leaks
5. Re-use pasta cooking liquid
6. Take shorter showers
7. Choose efficient fixtures
8. Flush your toilet only when needed

The quality of your water can also be affected during times of drought. If you don't have a water treatment system on your well (UV light or reverse osmosis) you might want to consider getting your water tested to make sure there are no traces of bacteria present.

During a period of drought we become extremely aware of just how precious clean, potable water can be. Now and in the future please use this precious resource wisely.

Egremont Historical Commission:

As winter approaches, all eyes turn to thermostats. With aging in place now a topic for many people, the Commission would like to let you know that with a little planning both you *and* your house can age gracefully in place. Egremont has over 200 listings in the Mass. Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS for short) and many of these homes are cherished for their age and their history. Enhancing livability does not necessarily mean having to destroy historic character - and sometimes property value - when you upgrade a home. Contractors are like Doctors; some are better at helping older patients age gracefully, so don't be shy about asking anyone you are working with how they can protect the historic quality of your home when getting estimates for work. It need not be either time consuming or expensive,

although lazy contractors might tell you that. Check out what is currently available, and read up on how to take care of older homes efficiently and effectively without damaging your wallet or the house you love.

There are a few simple basics that can save property value and historic character while providing an energy efficient and age friendly environment.

Do only what you can also undo. Windows are a good example. While window companies would like you to replace, no window is "forever", and cutting out what could be unique architectural style frames for standard efficiencies can damage estate value. There are also now easy to install interior storm windows.

Pick Low Hanging Fruit. Attics that can be insulated without construction can offer considerable heat saving benefits. Placing larger carpets, or wall to wall can also insulate and help with mobility issues without damaging old wooden floors.

For other ideas on how to upgrade your home visit Preservation Massachusetts, Historic New England, and the National Parks Service website under "how to preserve/briefs."

Or come see us at the Historical Commission from 9 - 12 on the first Saturday of every month at the library where we have many books available on this topic, a computer to do research, and a commission member who would be glad to help.

Egremont Free Library:

Egremont Free Library is adding a book club night to our calendar. The theme of this book club will revolve around characters who embody the best of our human nature. Whether the book is non-fiction or realistic fiction, the stories will be about an individual or community that operates from hope, integrity, ingenuity and resilience.

The book club can accommodate 10 patrons. EFL will provide the book. Let me know if you would like to sign up! Book Club night will be Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The first book for our book club will be ... *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope*. William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him

misala—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams. With a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* is a remarkable true story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. It will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.

The next Game Night will take place on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please call 528-1474 to sign up or email the library at EGRLibrary@egremont-ma.gov.

Technology Committee:

This update summarizes broadband network activities that have been underway during September and October.

Recall that in the last Town Newsletter we reported that Egremont had decided to engage with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to manage the design and construction of our high speed fiber optic broadband network. We also reported that a private company called FiberConnect, on their own initiative with no input from the Town, was planning their own broadband network in Egremont.

At this time, we still have no definitive information from FiberConnect as to whether they are going forward with their plans nor the details of their timing and what areas of town they will be covering if they do proceed. Should their plans come to fruition, the Town may enter into discussions with them to try to ensure that their network meets Town requirements, including coverage of all parts of Egremont.

Meanwhile, so as not to stall progress, the Town has continued to move forward with MBI. We completed all required agreements with MBI and authorized them to proceed with their work on our behalf. The first step in the process is the survey of all the roughly 1,950 utility poles in Egremont. The purpose of this survey is to assess the regulatory compliance and capacity of each pole to support attachment of our fiber optic cables. MBI contracted with Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to do this survey. The work began on October 13 and will continue into November. This work is fully funded by MBI, with no cost to the Town.

To help guide us through this process, and to clarify our legal options, the Town has engaged an outside legal advisor with appropriate qualifications in the area of telecommunications, Internet, and municipal networks.

Fire Department:

Date	Time	Call #	/Location	/Type
8/24/2016	9:54 PM	116	Mount Washington A/T	Medical
8/25/2016	12:14 AM	117	Creamery Rd.	Fire Alarm/False
8/25/2016	1:51 AM	118	Under Mountain Rd.	Medical
8/26/2016	6:49 AM	119	Mt. Washington Rd	Fire Alarm/False
8/29/2016	3:01 PM	120	Monument Mountain Res	Mutual Aid GB
8/29/2016	4:00 PM	121	Monument Mountain Res	Mutual Aid GB
8/30/2016	6:55 AM	122	Jug End Rd.	Outdoor Fire
8/31/2016	9:06 AM	123	Under Mountain Rd	Medical
9/1/2016	12:13 AM	124	Jug End Rd.	Medical
9/2/2016	12:18 AM	125	Under Mountain Rd	Medical
9/3/2016	5:34 AM	126	Creamery Rd.	Medical
9/3/2016	6:19 AM	127	Under Mountain Rd.	Medical
9/3/2016	12:02 PM	128	MT. Washington Bash Bish	Medical
9/4/2016	9:34 AM	129	Under Mountain Rd.	Medical
9/10/2016	12:09 AM	130	Farm Lane	Alarm/False
9/11/2016	8:33 AM	131	Prospect Lake Rd.	Wires and Trees Down
9/11/2016	9:19 AM	132	Baldwin Hill N/S	Wires and Trees Down
9/11/2016	6:59 PM	133	Millard Rd.	Alarm/False
9/17/2016	9:27 AM	134	Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
9/17/2016	11:46	135	East St. Mt. Washington	Alarm/False
9/18/2016	6:15 AM	136	Jug End Rd.	Wire and Tree Down
9/22/2016	7:57 PM	137	Mountain View Rd.	Alarm/False
9/24/2016	5:16 AM	138	Millard Rd.	Alarm/False
9/24/2016	6:15 AM	139	Under Mountain Rd.	Medical
9/24/2016	10:20 AM	140	Creamery Rd.	Medical
9/24/2016	12:53 PM	141	West St. Mt. Washington	Medical
9/24/2016	8:54 PM	142	Town House Hill Rd.	Medical
9/25/2016	2:56 PM	143	Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
9/28/2016	12:41 AM	144	Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm
9/28/2016	5:56 PM	145	Baldwin Hill N/S	Alarm/False
10/3/2016	9:10 AM	146	Taconic Ln.	Medical
10/5/2016	5:01 PM	147	Prospect Lake Rd.	Medical
10/5/2016	7:23 PM	148	Sheffield Rd.	Accident
10/7/2017	3:21 PM	149	Guilder Hollow Rd.	Search
10/7/2016	6:50 PM	150	Shun Toll Rd.	Alarm/False
10/12/2016	6:00 PM	151	Bear Town Mountain Rd.	Mutual Aid
10/13/2016	6:18 PM	152	Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm/False
10/15/2016	8:30 AM	153	Jug End Rd.	Medical
10/18/2016	3:00 PM	154	Rowe Rd	Wires and Tree Down
10/18/2016	5:42 PM	155	Millard Rd.	Alarm/False
10/18/2016	8:19 PM	156	Baldwin Hill N/S	Alarm/False
10/19/2016	5:12 PM	157	Baldwin Hill & Main St.	MV Accident

10/20/2016	2:37 PM	158
Mutual Aid Sheffield	Brush Fire	
10/20/2016	3:55 PM	159
Mutual Aid Sheffield	Brush Fire	
10/25/2016	2:46 AM	160
Baldwin Hill E/W	Medical	

Holiday Tree:

As days shorten and we settle in for our long winter naps, the annual holiday tree team will again be placing trees in the town's public spaces. This is done as a volunteer effort and mason jars for donations to cover the costs for the public decorations can be found in both North and South Country Stores. You may also make a donation at Town Hall with checks marked Holiday Trees and left with the Clerk. For purchase of the private trees that also join in the festival, please contact Susan Bachelder - 528 6505.

South Egremont Congregational Church:

First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold its annual Ham Dinner and Chinese Auction November 5 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, Boston Brown Bread, rolls, dessert and beverage. Adults \$12 and children ages 5-10 \$5. Take out is available. Do not have to be present to win at the auction.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of South Egremont. All are invited to join in singing the traditional carols and listening to the Christmas message.

ECO-TIP

Save paper that was printed on only one side, and use the other side for less important things.

America Recycles Day: November 15.

America Recycles Day is a national initiative to promote environmentally sustainable practices and purchasing. <https://americarecyclesday.org/>

For America Recycles Day 2016, I pledge to:

Learn

I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community.

Act

Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will recycle more and I will buy products made with recycled content.

Share

In the next month, I will encourage one family member of one friend to take the #BeRecycled pledge.

Composting:

Composting is a great way to recycle our organic "waste" into a beneficial soil amendment for our yards and gardens. Composting at home can also help reduce methane production at landfills. Using the compost in our landscapes helps store carbon in the soil instead of releasing it to the atmosphere. And you can reduce your trash by 50 percent or more by composting leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, fruit peels, vegetable scraps, tea bags, coffee grounds, egg shells, paper towels, napkins and even paper bags.

It's easy to make compost, and the Town of Egremont makes it even easier by offering rodent-resistant home composting bins at a cost of \$40, with a free compost bucket. To obtain a discounted compost bin just call Town Hall. Act now, supplies are limited!

The compost bins help hold in heat and moisture, keep animals out, and look more attractive than open compost heaps. Organic material will start to turn to compost in the bins in 3 to 6 months. Compost, known as "black gold" to gardeners, replenishes nutrients in the soil, helps retain moisture, makes the soil easy to work, and helps plants resist disease. Compost makes plants healthy so they can overcome adverse conditions without pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

Fill your compost bin using three parts "brown" material and one part "green" material. This provides food for the compost organisms in a recipe that will not create odors. "Brown" ingredients include leaves, straw, dried grass clippings, wood chips, sawdust, pine needles, and paper products such as paper towels, napkins, bags, plates, coffee filters, tissue and newspaper. "Green" materials include fresh grass clippings, weeds, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, eggshells, manure, and seaweed. Make sure the materials are damp as you build the pile, especially the "browns." As you build the pile, sprinkle on several shovelfuls of rich garden soil or finished compost after every 12" of fresh material.

Leaves are an important ingredient of a compost pile. Without them, a compost pile may become too wet and create odors. If you have leaves available, use them to start your compost heap and save the rest to add during the summer. Compostable food scraps and grass clippings should be buried under about 6" of leaves, where they will decompose odorlessly. If leaves are in short supply, add

plenty of paper towels, napkins and torn up paper bags to provide the necessary carbon, and always bury your food scraps under this material.

Most of the composting work is done by soil organisms that convert organic material to humus. They need oxygen, just as we do. Lack of oxygen will slow down the composting process and cause odors. Turn your pile, fluff it with a hoe or turning tool, or build air passages into the pile to keep your compost pile aerobic and odor-free. Or use a compost bin that allows air to penetrate the pile.

In about three months, the material will start to turn to compost. The material at the bottom of the pile will be ready first. As more time goes by, the level of compost in the pile will rise until it is easy to access just below the surface. You will know your compost is ready to use when it looks like rich, brown soil and no longer resembles the original materials.

Compost benefits all plants, and there are many different ways to use it. Add a handful of compost to each transplant hole when planting seedlings or potted plants. Spread another handful on the surface of the soil around the newly planted seedling, making sure that the compost is not touching the stem or trunk of the plant. Spread compost as a mulch around perennials, shrubs and other existing plantings. If you are planting seeds, apply one-half to three inches of compost and mix it in with the top four inches of soil in the seedbed. To rejuvenate lawns, screen your compost using ½" screening. Sprinkle the screened compost on the lawn about ¼" deep. Screened compost is also excellent for reseeding lawns. Sprinkle it ½" deep over the bare spots and distribute new grass seed on top. You can even make excellent potting soil with compost by mixing equal parts compost, sand and loam.

If you don't want to compost at home, you may compost at the Egremont Transfer Station. As you drive up the hill and round the corner to go to the area that houses our trash and recycling center, you will see a three part composting center. The first bin, on the left as you face the composting center, is where you drop your compostable materials. The Town moves the compost to the right as it ages. The bin on the far right is composted soil ready to be used by the residents of Egremont.

An in-depth video entitled "Home Composting; Turning Your Spoils to Soil" may be viewed at http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=399598&depNav_GID=1645.

ECO-TIP

Decrease food waste – Plan meals for a week and buy only what you'll use. Compost scraps and leftovers. If you don't want to compost at home, the 3-compartment composter at the Transfer Station is your answer.

National Grid's Estimated Bill Impacts as a Result of New Electricity Distribution Rates in Effect as of October 1, 2016

This communication is being sent to all Mayors, City and Town Managers, and Town Administrators in the municipalities that National Grid serves in Central & Western MA.

Further to our previous communications regarding National Grid's electricity Distribution Rates that went into effect earlier this month (attached below), please note the projected bill impacts for each of our commercial and industrial rate classes shown below. We have also included a brief comment on the impacts to residential rate classes R1 & R2.

Please note that the impacts shown are on the total bill, assuming the Basic Service supply rate in effect on October 1, 2016.

Residential Rates

R-1 (Regular Residential rate) = **6.9% increase or \$7.36/mo** (This is based on average residential customer usage of 600 kWh/mo.)

R-2 (Low Income rate) = **1.8% increase or \$1.30/mo** (This is based on average residential customer usage of 600 kWh/mo.)

Small Commercial (G-1) Rate

The total bill impact for this rate class varies from an overall **increase of 0.2% to a decrease of -7.3%**. The wide swing in percentage impact stems from the fact that previously the distribution rate was \$0.04933 for the first 2000 kWh used by a G1 customer and \$0.06705 per kWh used in excess of 2000 kWh. The new distribution rate is \$0.04936 for all kWh usage. Therefore, customers using 2000kWh or less will see a very slight increase, while customers with greater than 2000kWh of usage will see a decrease.

Mid-Sized Commercial (G-2) Rate

The total bill impact for this rate class varies from an overall **increase of 5.3% to an increase of 11.1%**. The primary changes are as follows:

Customer Charge (from \$16.56 to \$25.00)

Demand (kW) Charge (from \$6.00/kW to \$8.50/kW)

Distribution Charge (from \$0.01134 /kWh to \$0.01176/kWh.)

Similar to the G-1 bill impacts, customers using more energy (kWh) will see a lesser bill increase, while customers using less energy will see increases on the higher end.

Commercial & Industrial (G-3) Rate

The total bill impact for this rate class varies from an overall **increase of 1.9% to an increase of 4.8%**.

The primary changes are as follows:

Customer Charge (from \$220 to \$223)

Demand (kW) Charge (from \$3.92/kW to \$5.75/kW)

Peak Distribution Charge (*decreased* from \$0.01503/kWh to \$0.01313/kWh)

Off Peak Distribution Charge (*decreased* from \$0.00750/kWh to \$0.00560/kWh).

Once again, customers using more energy (kWh) will see a lesser overall bill impact.

Please note that the above impacts do not factor in the "winter" supply rates. We will provide that information to you prior to winter supply rates going into effect on November 1, 2016.

Please contact your respective Community & Customer Manager if you have any additional questions.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &
by appointment

Council on Aging - Last Wednesday of each month at
1pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday–Thursday 7am to 12noon.
Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday
evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other
times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting
dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm
Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm

Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

*To reach a board member or to leave a message please
call the Town Hall 528-0182.*

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the
beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration

413-528-1232

www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)
413-528-5383
www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs
www.bluerider.org
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture
(CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.
Tom & Liz Marino
413-528-9465
www.lizmarinorughooking.com
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Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
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Heartache

By Stanley Farnum

*In all of the years of our daily lives
A gambling game is played.*

*Our happiness, our sadness, we think is by gods' law,
But sometimes we find a mistake has been made
And it's all in the luck of the draw.*

*For each of you some where in your days
Will find even as I,
That fate sometimes deals a crooked hand
Which you will never understand
And you will forever cry.*

*Or course your luck in all of your games
May ever keep you fine,
You may have a guardian angel to hold the happy line,
But most of us will sadness have
So let me tell you mine*

*Once I had a little girl with tender years of four
And hand in hand we walked the paths
So many passed before.
Oft times upon a country lane
Where flowers sought the sky
She danced and brought me wilted stems
"Cause you're my favorite guy"*

*And where the sun warmed earth was green
Our skipping steps must slow
And hold our breaths in silent wait
To hear the grasses grow*

*She laughed and sang and held my hand
And loved me with her eyes
And took my captured heart along
On a journey to the skies.*

*For my little love of yesteryear
Climbs alone upon the stairs
Unto another far far land
And must await me there.*

*And I stand and wait the long years through
And hope the miracle is true
That down a country lane
Beneath a shining sky
My little love will come a dancing
With flowers for her favorite guy.*