

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

**FIRST MEETING OF THE 250 EGREMONT
MINUTES**

***** Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 3:30PM
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person: Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Alyson Slutzky, Barbara Kalish, Pamela Knowles, Mary McGurn, Oskar Hallig, MJ Marx, Karin Schaefer, Rose Levine, [need everyone else's name please>learning curve:)]

Present via zoom was not a successful connection.

SCHEDULED ISSUES

Organization of the Committee / Appointment of Officers

Nominations and elections commence-the following is the result:

Chairperson - LM Fenn-Vermeulen
Co-Chairperson - Mary McGurn
Secretary/Clerk - MJ Marx
Treasurer - Seeking candidate> Doug Mishkin- possibility?

Brainstorming Single and/or Multiple Events:

- *Culinary Tasting to show off local restaurants
- *Farmers-
 - Familiarizing public with farms, produce, and products
 - Showcasing artistic talents found on farms (produce sculptures, pumpkin carving) tastings
- *Live music
- *French Park Movie Nights
- *Games
 - Bochie Ball
 - Bean Bag Toss
 - Hoop toss
- *Photo Contest
- *Student Art Contest
- *Treasure Hunt - Work with Historical Commission
- *Light Show Artists in wooded area?

* Speakers

*Community Recognition Awards

*Fire Department/Police Department

*ECO/Sustainability

Projects by schools. Recycled materials sculptures

*Contributing Businesses/Sponsors

*Dog Show

*Egremont on Parade

*Pie Contest

*Apple Contest

*Historical Reinactments

*Artist Contributions

Budget/Funding Sources

Raffle/Silent Auction

Commemorative Merchandise: Totes, t-shirts, hats, magnets, ...

Banks, Real Estate Co., ...

Discussions:

- Event Timing seems to be September 18, 2025
- Late morning to early evening
- Decision unanimous - Our Birthday Celebration of the Town of Egremont with be: Egremont 250

There will be a fundraising aspect to our planning. Funds to cover our event costs. Extra money can be put towards an effort that we all agree on that benefits the town.

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- **OSRP**
- QR Code for handout about town with pertinent phone number
- Create a publicity team for BRANDING of this event and smaller events leading up to main event. Communications for igniting the interest and participation of community at large.
- Designing our Logo
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- Create a coloring book
- Rose creating survey of the spaces we will use at French Park
- Jointly we are collection our work on creating a MISSION STATEMENT.

Suggestions offered:

- Awareness of Egremont History
- Growth of Egremont
- Egremont - past, present and future
- Parking issues, public transport
- Pop-up Tents
- Porta potty

In addition to activities listed above:

Historic games

Historic Booth: work with the Town's Historic Commission; kids can dress up in historic costumes which can be rented, painted boards with holes cut out where folks can take photos of themselves putting their faces into the holes. Native American and African American local history, in addition to the history of how Egremont came to be a town and its progression through time.

Music: Local musicians highlighted

Farmers can bring cows, chickens, etc, highlight what they do on their farms. (Maybe we need to consult with farmers to see what it feasible for them and what they want to highlight. Alyson is adding this thought now.)

Face Painting Booth

Next Meeting: October 25th, 2023 3:30 - 5:30pm

Adjournment: 9/13/23 5pm