



Egremont News

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall - tegremont@egremont-ma.gov or 413-528-0182.

Selectboard:

The South Egremont School Housing ADA upgrades are in the planning and bidding stage for work to take place over the summer vacation. The District has not moved the students into the school house as of yet as they await the appropriate weather to do the exterior lead remediation.

The Board is about to begin negotiations with a company to lease land behind Town Hall to construction a Wireless Telecommunications (Cell) Tower. Three proposals were received and the review is almost complete. Following successful lease negotiations a special permit will need to be obtained before a tower can be constructed.

The Board will be accepting proposals for the lease of land by Town Hall for the affordable housing units. Construct's latest time projection is that the homes will be moved to the site here in mid-May. Before then the driveway will be constructed.

Only one proposal was received in response to the request for proposals for the town's Broadband network. That proposal, from Fiber Connect, is being reviewed by the Technology Committee before it goes to the Selectboard for final review. The Selectboard is working with Alford to supply Broadband to approximately 11 homes that border Alford, and with Mount Washington to supply service to about 5 homes that border Mount Washington.

Current Chairman of the Board, Bruce Turner, has decided not to run for re-election in May. He has been a Selectmen in Egremont for an accumulated 20 years beginning in the early 1980's. Bruce has a great deal of knowledge about the Town

and town government. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Town Meeting: May 7, 2019

7pm at the Mount Everett High School Auditorium in Sheffield. Warrants will be available April 22, 2019.

Election: May 14, 2019, 10am to 7pm, North Egremont Fire Station. Please remember to park at Town Hall if you are able to walk over.

- Offices on the ballot for election this year are:
- Moderator for one year,
- Town Clerk for one year,
- Selectman for three years,
- Library Trustee for three years,
- Cemetery Commissioner for three years,
- Member of the Planning Board for five years,
- Tree Warden for one year,
- Assessor for three years,
- Constable for three years.

ECO-TIP

Wherever possible, replace disposable products with reusable ones (e.g., razors, food storage containers, water bottles). Buy fewer products, and buy used ones when possible.

Water Department:

With the colder weather, it is important to check water lines and especially outside hose faucets for freeze-ups. Frozen pipes can burst and cause extensive damage if not recognized.

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day? A leaky toilet can waste 200

gallons a day! These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

As always, if you have any questions about your water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

ECO-TIP

Peat in bogs is the best vegetative carbon sink on the planet. Leave it where it is. Look for peat-free mixes for seed starting, potting soil, and general soil amendment.

Assessors:

The Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate is \$9.57.

The applications for Non Profits and Forms of List for businesses have been sent out. If you have a new business in town, please contact our office as soon as possible.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles prepares data for Excise bills according to the information on the motor vehicle registration; bills are based on the Excise data provided by the RMV. The owner is responsible for making sure the RMV has the correct billing address on the registration. **All bills must be paid first before an abatement can be processed.**

The Assessor page on the town website (<http://egremont-ma.gov/boa.html>) has links to state forms and tax information. You can also access the

geographical information system to see tax maps. If you have any questions please give us a call or send us an email.

Assessor Office: 413 528-0182 ext 14; Hours are Tuesdays and Thursday 9:00 – 12:00; email is assessors@egremont-ma.gov

Historical Commission:

Realizing that the annual Town Meeting is two months away, The Historical Commission, after due consideration, wishes to make its recommendation now regarding the offer to the Town of the South Egremont Congregational Church. In an effort to gain the perspective that this important issue requires, the Commission respectfully requests that the Vestry of the First Congregational Church of South Egremont withdraw this warrant article for the following reasons.

It appears that the Congregational Church is no longer able to sustain itself, and will offer the Church to the Town at the annual Town meeting. The building itself was built in 1833 and paid for by a group of the Town's wealthier citizens who envisioned great things for the community. Consequently - they built it big. It has never had a capacity crowd, but it has certainly seen better times. As industry swept the country in the 19th century, Egremont was host to hundreds of workers who would take the trolley from Great Barrington to work at the Dalzell Axle factory, or the Baldwin Chair Company; the shoe factory, or the marble quarries. In 1918 the owners and their heirs who had built and paid for the church decided to sell it to the Congregation for \$1. By 1918, the factories had closed and Egremont fell silent. Then at the turn of the 20th century, Egremont's new industry beyond agriculture became a new form of tourism. Hugh Smiley saw the potential of creating an Olde Egremont. With its own newspaper, freshly painted houses, antique shops, the Old Mill with a water wheel, the Egremont Inn and Hare's Tavern (now Kenver's), along with tea shops, and ice cream parlors, Egremont was a magnet for the new "motoring" tourists motoring through New England.

Today, as we move into the 21st century, the classic vision of the three legs of New England's traditional lifestyle, its' church, its school, and its free library faces a new century and a new cultural dynamic. 21st century tourism favors "destinations" now, not casual cruising. Egremont is fortunate to have several destinations in place or in development - a revitalized

Catamount, Jug End Trails, a newly invigorated April Hill, and two historic village centers with new art galleries, shops, regionally recognized restaurants, and live entertainment held together by the visual echo of the last century's Historic "Olde New England" aesthetic.

Several months ago, a group of citizens entered into negotiations with the Church to acquire the property as a community center. Negotiations have stalled. The Vestry then determined to sell the only viable profit center, the Rectory, which might have financed a fledgling non-profit as it sought funds for the needed repairs. Now the Vestry offers the remainder of the parcel, the Church building itself, to the town. This leaves the Town in a very difficult position, as it is clear from a cursory glance that this building requires a great deal of work. There is little that the property itself can do to generate money to pay for its refurbishment without a substantial initial investment in research and planning at the least.

However, the loss of this building would be tragic. To assume that a private buyer will keep it "as is" is a risky unknown. Contrary to the school and the library, the two historic buildings currently owned by the town, the church has no preservation restriction in place. Our zoning bylaw as presently written cannot delay its demolition in order to negotiate alternatives, and while the ZBA and the Planning Board might review plans for the property, there is not much to protect the downtown area of the south village from a builder putting forward designs out of character with the Historic District but within the building code. We do not have a local historic district as in Lenox. We also have no Community Preservation Act Fund for the initial financing, and grants for a church like ours, one of hundreds now in need throughout New England, are difficult to find.

The opportunity to re-vision this icon of New England centered as the tallest and one of the biggest buildings in South Village is of importance to all of us. To understand the fiscal issues we are facing requires the same analysis the Town did for the school and library properties. At this time, the Historical Commission recommends that the Vestry of the Congregational Church remove this item from the warrant. Having received funds from the sale of the rectory, a contract for a full and accurate historic

engineering report and cost analysis can now be done. While this is being done, we ask all parties to give serious consideration to return to the table to see if a deal can be made to create a private entity to receive the building. It is well recognized that work on any public building falls under much more expensive state and federal guidelines than private enterprise. The Historical Commission, as it has done for the towns' historic structures, would be happy to assist the Vestry to apply for a grant to fund 50% of this report, review it with the town, and then see if there is a way to save the building. It is also a fervent hope that, as it was originally built by some of our citizens as a philanthropic effort, a few citizens might step forward now and save it.

ECO-TIP

Food choices: The amount of water needed to produce a single hamburger patty is equivalent to that used for a 90-minute shower.

Technology Committee:

Internet service proposal process moves to next step. Recall that on December 12 the Town of Egremont issued an RFP for Internet service to cover unserved parts of Town. Following the state procurement guidelines, the Technology Committee scheduled a "bidders' conference" on January 10. The purpose of the bidders' conference was to give prospective bidders an opportunity to ask questions, obtain clarification on the RFP, and confirm their understanding of the Town's needs and expectations. Two vendors participated in the conference: Fiber Connect and SHI International Corporation of Somerset, NJ.

Proposals were due on January 31. In the end, only Fiber Connect submitted a proposal. By law, proposals are submitted in two parts—the functional part that describes the qualifications of the bidder and the work that the bidder is proposing to perform, and the sealed price proposal. The price proposal can only be opened and reviewed for proposals that pass muster on the functional content.

Technology Committee members began reviewing the functional proposal immediately after it was received, and the full Committee met on Wednesday, February 20, to compare notes and develop an overall Committee evaluation. While there were gaps

in the Fiber Connect proposal and questions that still must be answered, the overall conclusion of the Committee was that the proposal was strong enough to advance to the next stage of review. The next stage consists of reviewing the price proposal and inviting the bidder to an interview to discuss the proposal and resolve open questions. We are currently in the process of scheduling the interview.

If through the second stage of evaluation the Committee finds the proposal to be acceptable, it will recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town move forward with Fiber Connect. If the BOS agrees, there will follow a period of contract negotiation, including negotiation of a complete implementation schedule. Once the contract is in place, the actual work involved will include utility pole license applications, make-ready work, design and engineering, and construction. Earlier estimates of the timeframe for this work have ranged out to about 18 months from contract signing, but we will not have a reliable schedule until the contract is completed.

Sustainability Coordinator:

The Sustainability Coordinator position for the Town of Egremont was established in 2012 with the purpose of exploring ways the town could reduce its carbon footprint while reducing energy consumption in town buildings and reducing the town's trash consumption through increased collection programs and recycling measures. These environmental goals also translate into cost savings to the town with reduced energy costs and reduced trash disposal fees.

Since 2012 there have been many energy, trash and cost saving milestones. Here is a summary:

1. Installation of three solar arrays serving the Water Dept., Highway Garage and Police Dept. These projects were either fully or partially funded by federal or state grants. To date, these solar arrays have generated 150.5 megawatts of power and have saved the town approximately \$16,554 in energy costs. Two of these solar arrays generate energy credits (SRECs) in which the town receives an additional \$2,500 a year for a ten year duration.

2. In 2015 Egremont was designated a Green Community and received \$137,500 in grants to further fund energy reduction projects. Since that time the town has added insulation to many of its buildings and updated two heating systems. Because of these and other energy conservation measures, energy consumption in town buildings has been reduced by 21%. The Water Department has reduced electricity costs by a whopping 40%!!
3. In 2017 annual trash tonnage in Egremont fell below 400 tons for the first time in six years. The drop in tonnage can be attributed to the addition of various innovative collection programs (kitchen waste, Swap Shop, textile and e-waste collection through Goodwill, Bulky Rigid Plastics) and increase in recycling awareness educational campaigns. The decrease in trash disposal tonnage resulted in an average savings to the town of \$7,500 per year in each of the last six years.
4. Egremont purchases its municipal electricity through a Power Purchase Agreement from a solar farm in eastern Mass. This agreement supports the production of energy from a clean, renewable source and saves the town an additional \$3,000 a year in electricity credits.
5. Egremont, through Colonial Power, provides electricity aggregation to its residents who have chosen to "opt in" to this purchasing program. To date residents have been able to have their electricity supplied to them from a clean, green source at a kilowatt rate lower than the basic service rate from National Grid.

We have made great strides in reducing our energy consumption while making the switch to more renewable energy use. But there is always more work to be done and in the months ahead we hope to implement more energy saving projects. We hope our residents will continue to do what they can to reduce their impact on the environment and join us in our efforts to tackle climate change.

ECO-TIP

Disposing of "compostable" (PLA) plastic, such as drink cups? It composts only in industrial composters, not in your home compost pile, not in our community compost bin. And it absolutely cannot go into our recycle bin (the

one for glass, plastic, cans). So, toss it into the regular trash. PLA plastic was a good idea, but the technology isn't there yet.

Fire Department:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>
<i>/Location</i>		<i>/Type</i>
12/22/2018	5:07 PM	200
Creamery Rd		Medical
12/26/2018	5:15 AM	201
Under Mountain Rd		Alarm/False
12/26/2018	12:52 PM	202
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
12/31/2018	6:38 PM	203
Cross St. Mt. Washington		Medical
1/4/2019	10:08 AM	1
Egremont Plain Rd.		Alarm/False
1/4/2019	6:38 PM	2
Main St		Medical
1/6/2019	4:23 PM	3
Town House Hill		Medical
1-6-2019	5:58 PM	4
Baldwin Hill E/W & Rt.71		Medical
1/9/2019	1:26 AM	5
Sheffield Rd.		MVA/WPI
1/10/2019	11:45 AM	6
Hillsdale Rd.		MVA/WPI
1/10/2019	2:09 PM	7
Hillsdale Rd.		Service call
1//12/2019	9:32 AM	8
Baldwin Hill E/W		Alarm/False
1/17/2019	9:31 AM	9
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
1/19/2019	11:57 AM	10
Button Ball Ln.		Alarm/False
1/20/2019	10:41 AM	11
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
1/23/2019	9:44 AM	12
Hillsdale Rd.		Alarm/False
1/23/2019	12:35 PM	13
Hillsdale Rd.		Chiefs Call
1/24/2019	3:42 AM	14
Baldwin Hill N/S		Alarm/False
2/7/2019	8:48 AM	15
Creamery Rd.		Alarm/False
2/8/2019	3:08 PM	16
Creamery Rd.		Alarm False

2/10/2019	4:08 PM	17
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
2/11/2019	3:56 PM	18
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
2/13/2019	10:40 AM	19
Cross St. Mt. Washington		Medical
2/15/2019	8:13 PM	20
Hickory Hill Rd.		Medical
2/18/2019	2:41 PM	21
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
2/21/2019	7:06 PM	22
Hillsdale Rd		MVA/WPI
2/22/2019	8:34 AM	23
Mt Washington Rd		Medical
2/23/19	18:46	24
Hillsdale Rd.		Outdoor fire

ECO-TIP

Take expired or unused medications to the Police Dept (Egremont or GB) and put in the special slot. No need to talk to anyone.

Emergency Management

If any power outages occur in our area, it is imperative that they be reported via the National Grid Customer Service or Outage Reporting phone numbers. Please report any outages or downed wires via these phone numbers. Every outage phone call that National Grid receives is logged into their outage tracking system and better enables them to pinpoint the location of the issue. The sooner that they can identify the location of the issue, the better they can respond.

Outage Reporting Phone Numbers:

Customer Service: 1-800-322-3223 (can also be used for any other general questions)

Outage Reporting: 1-800-465-1212 (automated line for reporting power outages or downed wires)

Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

Please make sure you have a house number sign posted at the end of your driveway! Town Bylaws require this; if you need a new sign, they are available for purchase from Town Hall through the Fire Department. If you have a shared driveway, please make sure responders can locate your home!

If you would like to change or add your information in the Town's Emergency Alert System,

please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses.

If you have any questions about emergency preparedness, please send an email or call and we will be happy to answer them.

Email: wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov

Phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

Council on Aging:

Lots happening with your Council on Aging during these winter months. Our monthly lunches continue on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 at the Egremont Village Inn. Our January speaker was David Katzenstein, one of our wonderful first responders from the Egremont Fire Department. David gave us some tips on when to call the ambulance and what to do until help arrives. He also told us about buying a lock box to keep a key in so that emergency personnel can gain access to your home. Very informative and important information that was beneficial to everyone.

In February, Elaine Ireland, personal fitness instructor, gave us some tips for improving our balance and agility. Elaine also teaches our COA classes at the So. Egremont Congregational Church. The next session begins Friday, March 8 from 10:30 – 11:45. Call 528-0182 x 24 for more information.

March 6th will feature Karen Berger and David Hodges entertaining us with their musical talents. Lunch this time will be provided by the Culinary Class from Mt. Everett High School. In April, local artist Eunice Agar will demonstrate how to start a painting. Bob Climo will return in May for a cooking demonstration. We will end our luncheon season with our annual picnic at French Park. Liz Keen from Indian Line farm will be joining us.

If you haven't joined us for lunch yet please come and enjoy great food and good times. Call 528-0182 x 17 to make your reservation.

"Sand for Seniors" buckets are still available at the Town Hall, although I think we are all ready for winter to be over. You can pick up your sand filled bucket at the Town Hall or call 528-0182 x 24 to have one delivered to you.

We have distributed over 30 buckets this winter and we only ask that you PLEASE return them when the season is over. We can also pick them up for you. That way we can recycle and reuse them

next winter and save the expense of purchasing new ones.

"Good Morning, Senior" call ins continue Monday thru Friday between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. You can join this program at any time. Also, remember that you can participate in this program on a temporary basis. Call 528-0182 x 24 for info.

We continue monthly Senior Coffee Hours on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 – 10:30. We have a group of regulars who come each month as well as seniors who just drop in from time to time. Always a good time with lively conversations and good laughs.

Your COA is here to help you. Some of the ways we can assist you:

- *Medical Alert Systems information
- *Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation rides
- *Borrowing Medical equipment from the town
- *Western MA Food Bank/Fuel Assistance
- *"Be Seen, Be Safe" vests
- *Tax Aide Programs
- *Resources for assistance with helping/caring for Alzheimer patients

If you have additional needs for assistance and information please call Peg Muskrat at 528-0182 x 24. We will do our best to find resources and assist you.



"Egremont First Responder David Katzenstein, assisted by Tom Sierau, demonstrate first aid techniques at the January 2019 COA Luncheon."

ECO-TIP

Reduce the toxins you breathe indoors by replacing chemical-laden personal care and cleaning products with natural, nontoxic alternatives. Or buy an air-purifier.

Planning Board:*Report Recreational Overlay District Recommendation*

At the March 27, 2018 Special Town Meeting it was voted to refer to the Planning the proposed Recreational Overlay District Bylaw for further review and report back to the Selectmen. The report was made to the Board of Selectmen on October 29, 2018.

“The Planning Board has had several discussions about the Recreation Overlay District (ROD) Bylaw proposed at the March 2018 Special Town Meeting. The Planning Board unanimously agreed to the following:

- The proposed ROD bylaw asks primarily for a by-right bylaw that does not carry sufficient safeguards for the Town. It removed the Special Permit requirement currently in place, for any new recreational business.
- Existing “grandfathered” recreational uses do not need this proposed bylaw and changes in use of “grandfathered” recreational businesses are required to apply for a special permit under the existing Zoning Bylaw.
- Our current Zoning Bylaws offer appropriate oversight for creating new business uses, recreational or not.

The Planning Board therefore concluded that the ROD proposed bylaw, presented at the March 2018 Town Meeting, would not benefit our Town.”

Town Clerk:

Egremont's local election is scheduled for Tuesday May 14th. Polls will be open from 10 am until 7:00 pm.

Here are the positions up for election:

- Selectman (3 year term)
- Moderator (1 year term)
- Town Clerk (1 year term)
- Assessor (3 year term)

- Planning Board (5 year term)
- Constable (3 year term)
- Tree Warden (1 year term)
- Library Trustee (3 year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (3 year term)

If you are an Egremont registered voter you can run for office. Having your name on the ballot can be done by one or both of the following methods:

1. Have at least 20 Egremont registered voters sign your nomination papers. Papers are available at Town Hall and must be returned by 5 pm March 26th.
2. Receive the endorsement of either the Egremont Democratic or Republican Committees. Contact committee chairman Steve Agar (Republican Committee/528-1626) or Erika Nelson (Democratic Committee/erika.kristina.nelson@gmail.com) for the dates, time and location of their caucuses and the specifics on how their committee endorses a nominee.

As an Egremont registered voter you can sign nomination papers once for all candidates, even those running against each other.

If you are not going to be able to vote in person on Election Day, you can cast an Absentee Ballot. The first step in the process is to submit an Absentee Ballot Application. Once your application is submitted, you can vote in person or have your ballot sent to you. Absentee Ballots are usually available three weeks before the election date.

If you have any questions, please contact Town Clerk Juliette Haas at 528-0182 x 11 or townclerk@egremont-ma.gov.

Police

We had a busy month dealing with storms and power outages. Our most recent wind storm knocked out power for a majority of the town which was in the dark for more than 24 hrs. National Grid did an outstanding job providing resources to the heavily affected areas and restoring power. The North Fire Station was available as a warming station through this event but I was told it was not needed. Always remember we are always here and will have other options when needed to make your life as safe and easy as possible.

We have partnered with The International Chiefs of Police in securing our place in their “One Mind Campaign”. Although it has been several months in the making, we hope to begin training and certifying all of our officers in the next couple of months in Mental Health First Aid. This program is very well received and provides guidance and resources in a well-defined program to meet the needs of our citizens who may find themselves in crisis.

We as always are here for you so please do not be bashful in contacting us if there is some way we can help.

Be Safe!

Congregational Church of South Egremont:

There will be an article on the Egremont Annual Town Meeting Warrant , May 7, 2019, that states that The First Congregational Church of South Egremont, is offering the church building and property as a gift to the town for uses as a Community Center. Therefore, on APRIL 7 from 2-4 p.m. there will be an open house at the church in order for the people of Egremont to view the property that they will be voting on at the Town Meeting. All are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Easter Morning, APRIL 21 at 6 a.m. The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold its Annual Sunrise Service at the home of Charles and Ellen Proctor, 131 Baldwin Hill Road, Egremont. All are invited to join us. A light breakfast will follow the service in the Proctor home.

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 - Third Wednesday of each month at 11am. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.

*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

*Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing*

413-528-3230

*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, farm programs

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

Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,

open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.

Syrup and Honey

413-528-5710

*Skip DelVaglio – Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage
(Local Honey)*

1257 Sheffield – Egremont Road

413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes

1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road

Great Barrington MA 01230

413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-717-0507

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -
 Personal, Couples & Group Training
 Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio
 for Egremont residents zornari@gmail.com
 46 Main Street, South Egremont
 413-528-1594 www.zorncorefitness.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
 Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
 46 Main Street, South Egremont
 413-528-0828
kbyoga@gmail.com

Amelia's Holistic Facial Rejuvenation
 Combined with Reiki Level II
 A licensed Aesthetician..

"Look and feel as though you just enjoyed a two-
 week
 vacation...without the jet lag. 518.320.8314
AmeliasHolisticFacials@gmail.com

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
 liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
 413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
 413-528-9633

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
 wood veneer sales
 413-644-9696

Steve Agar - driving services
 Ride to the airport, train, etc
 413-854-7269

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Linger to cheer, when the day was done
The homes of Egremont Plain?*

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Does the Green River go and refreshingly flow
Through the meadows of Egremont Plain?*

*Do "Tom Ball" and "Everett" (North and South Domes)
Steadfastly watch o'er the farms and the homes
Of Egremont, Egremont Plain?*

*How pleasing the prospect how charming each scene,
From hilltop to hilltop and farmstead between.
That encircle Egremont Plain!*

*How blest are the people, how favored are they,
One days that are golden, or days that are gray,
Who have homes about Egremont Plain!*

NORTH EGREMONT

Egremont Plain

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*How fareth the folds of Egremont Plain,
And the circling hills nearby:*



*Sunset over Smiley's Pond, February 25, 2018.
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