

**Minutes of the Egremont Council on Aging
October 19, 2016 - Egremont Town Hall**

Present: B. Bernstein, Chair; H. Krancer; Chet Delaney; E. Goldberg
Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

1. Minutes of September 21 COA meeting were approved.
2. Bruce made a point that before each event an assessment needs to be made as to whether an appropriate amount of volunteer support is available.
3. In order to improve the contribution system, a decision was made that the host of each event would make an announcement at the beginning and end of the event.
4. Chet reviewed plans for the November 3rd Jester event. Each participant will need a clear table space the size of a placemat in front of them after lunch. Each COA volunteer will be assigned a table in order to facilitate an efficient cleanup process. The venue will be the area outside the kitchen at The Egremont Village Inn. Food will be served buffet style. Once lunch is cleared, the Jester will engage for approximately 20 to 30 minutes. Chet will contact Georgette regarding food, snacks, beverages, name tags and donation envelope information. Chet will prepare a press release for Helen and Dianne. RSVPs will go to Will at Town Hall. Bruce will pick up the PA system. COA should meet at 11:00. The event begins at noon and should be over by 1:45.
5. Bruce is in search of a lavalier microphone for the John Hockenberry event. Further updates will be discussed at the November 16 meeting.
6. Bruce called the not for profit nutrition counseling center in Great Barrington and explained possible programming. Further discussion on this will take place at the November 16 meeting.
7. The Be Seen, Be Safe pilot program was well received at the Emergency Management Committee meeting. Vests were given to the Egremont and Great Barrington Police Departments so that cruisers can hand them out to pedestrians and bicyclists exhibiting risky behavior. Additional funds need to be raised to purchase more vests. Chet suggested local businesses be approached and Bruce plans to contact local banks as well as apply for a grant from Berkshire Taconic Foundation. Helen suggested discussing Be Seen, Be Safe on WSBS and making the community aware of funding needs. The vests cost five dollars each with a total purchase cost of \$500.
8. There will be an All Boards Meeting on Monday October 24; Bruce will attend.
9. Chet will contact WSBS and try to advertise the upcoming Jester event.
10. Next COA meeting will be November 16 at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Goldberg