

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:30

This meeting was held via "Zoom". Present were Bruce Bernstein, Chairman, Georgette Kinney, Chet Delaney, Thea Basis, Peg Muskrat, Adm. Assistant/Outreach.

Meeting called to order at 11:40.

Minutes of February, 2020 meeting were approved.

All agreed March Luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by those present.

Due to present circumstances, a motion was made and seconded to cancel the April 1st Luncheon, April 19th Music Event, and May 6th Luncheon. Peg will notify the presenters and the Egremont Village Inn. We will wait and see how the situation evolves before a decision is made on the June Luncheon. Senior Coffee Hours are also cancelled for April and May.

COVID-19 Concerns.....Peg updated the Board on what has been implemented for seniors: a list of volunteer drivers who will shop for groceries and other necessities has been circulated; notices have continually been posted on how to contact COA for assistance with rides, meals, and well-being checks. A free meal program that serves approximately 20 seniors (courtesy of a local restaurant) is in place on Tuesday evenings. These are delivered by volunteers from Egremont Fire Department. Also, contact is regularly made with Town Hall personnel and Police Chief Jason LaForest to see if they know of any seniors in need.

Phone calls to seniors are ongoing.

Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation....we have until May 30 to sign the contract for next year. Bruce and BOS are in conversation to determine if there are better ways to service our seniors.

2020-2021 Luncheon Calendar....postponed for further conversation at next meeting.

South County COA Meeting, scheduled for April 30, will be cancelled.

Note cards....motion was made and seconded to have note cards printed at Kwik Print. Motion carried. Peg will follow up.

Website....Peg continues to update.

MOCA Walking Event....info was posted and several people have signed on. Peg will repost info in a few weeks.

TRIAD Walking Brochure.....Bruce is updating.

April Hill event....postponed for now

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 20, at 11:00. Meeting will be held via Zoom. Bruce will send an invite shortly before 11:00 a.m. on the 20th along with ID and password info.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Muskrat