

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Meeting call to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present were Bruce Bernstein, Chairman, Cory Hines, Georgette Kinney, Eve Goldberg and Peg Muskrat, Adm. Asst.

Meeting began with a brief chat and reflection time. We had a moment of silence in honor of our esteemed Board Member Helen Krancer who recently passed. We shared fond memories of Helen.

Brief discussion regarding post virus issues. Bruce would like to add new and "younger" seniors to the Board. He encouraged us to search for potential candidates. It was also mentioned that Berkshire Organics delivers a wide variety of fresh produce as well as other products.

April 2020 Minutes were approved.

COA Board agreed that the June 3rd Luncheon would move forward in an appropriate fashion. A preordered bag lunch and plant pick-up (provided by GB Bagel and Indian Line Farm) will be advertised. An RSVP will be required. Pick-up will be from 12:00 - 1:00 at Indian Line Farm. A delivery option will be available.

Continued consternation with SBETC. It costs the Town of Egremont \$15,000 annually. However, they are not able to meet the needs of those needing transportation for medical care, etc.

Alternative options are being explored, including applying for a government grant. Bruce has also contacted a Lenox based driving company as well as Gt. Barrington Taxi Co. George McGurn has reached out to Alford and MW in order to make this a larger effort.

MA Walking Challenge has been cancelled. Peg posed the idea of an Egremont Walking Challenge, open to all.

Terry, from the Old Mill, along with delivery service from the Egremont Fire Department, has been providing free dinners every Tuesday to seniors living alone. There are currently 26 very appreciative participants in the program.

One person has reached out in response to the post advertising Greenagers offer to install raised bed gardens for seniors.

The 2020-2021 event calendar was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board.

Peg is continuing to update COA website.

Next meeting June 17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Goldberg