

**Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 1:00 PM The Barn**

The meeting was called to order by COA Administrator, Peg Muskrat. Present were Cory Hines, Peg Muskrat, Georgette Kinney, Donna Bersch and Linda Warner.

Minutes of December 7, 2022 were approved.

The Holiday Party on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> outside The Barn at 3:00 PM was a success. About 30 folks attended. Thank you to Del Kinney for the welcome camp fire, and to Georgette for bringing hot apple cider to keep us warm. For next year's holiday event we hope to have Santa present to entice the younger ones to join us.

The Adult Playground, to be installed in French Park in the spring, is still on track. Two more units are to be ordered from a company in Dalton, MA Georgette advised. Cory asked if we want to do something with Greenagers in the spring. Everyone agreed our last venture was successful. A paint-out, maybe with Ellen Murtaugh, was suggested for May 2023. Perhaps another "scarecrow" day in the fall will take place as well.

An "Hour of Music" some Sunday in April hopefully will take place. Pamela Knowles, when she gets back from vacation, has connections with the music world, will be in charge of this event, hopefully to be in place by mid-February.

The next COA lunch and conversation, will be at The Barn on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, with the program of "Meet your town officials". Everybody, please let Peg know you are coming. The next Board meeting will be held 2/15/2023 at the Town Hall.

Georgette let us know about a 'Hearing Aid' program offered on TV to purchase "like readers" devices at the cost of \$99.00. She is going to investigate this and suggests the COA buy a set to give to a needy Egremont senior.

Peg reported that the transportation program is working very well. It was suggested we may want to include some "senior outings" in the spring and summer months with the van to places like Shaker Village and Norman Rockwell museum.

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> coffee hour will take place at Moms.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Warner

