

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Aging

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 12:35 by Chairman Bruce Bernstein. Present were Bruce, Georgette Kinney, Donna Bersch, Pamela Knowles, Linda Warner, Cory Hines, Peg Muskrat, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of Feb. 2 Meeting were approved.

Lunch Plans: Grab 'N Go will continue thru March, April and May at The Barn. Peg spoke with Liz Keen about June Lunch. It will be at either Indian Line Farm or French Park on June 1 or 8. Dates will be confirmed at March meeting.

Transportation: Peg reported that there is a little over \$2,000 left in the Taxi Grant. Grant ends March 31, 2022. No word on whether grant will be renewed. Volunteer driver program has been a success and lessens the usage on the Taxi Grant.

Be Prepared Kits: Bruce is working on setting up a Zoom information meeting on these kits. Julie Buyon will conduct the meeting.

Exercise Classes: Pamela's classes will be starting next week. Peg has sent the flyer to COAs in Alford, Sheffield, Great Barrington, New Marlborough, Mt. Washington, Monterey, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge and Lenox.

The Board decided not to pursue a discount for the senior swim program at Berkshire South since BS does not require proof of vaccination for either instructor.s or clients

Prospect Lake Accessibility Grant for Seniors - Bruce and Peg McDonough are working on this.

Georgette and Peg continue to work with the BOS on the best way to honor our deceased COA Board members as well as other significant Egremont older adults.

Peg reported that the Winter 2022 COA Newsletter will be mailed next week.

Donna and Pamela have been discussing programs for future COA events. Some ideas...Lunch & Learn Programs, evening gatherings, a trivia program on Egremont either in person or on line. Maybe another Spring event at Greenagers?

Peg reported that Senior Coffee Hours will be starting in February. They will be held at Sara's Place at the EVI. More details next week.

Sand for Seniors - about 45 buckets have been distributed. This is one of our most successful programs. We need to stress that the buckets need to be returned!

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2 at 12:30 at The Barn.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Muskrat