

GREAT BARRINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

**Claire Teague Senior Center
917 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Phone: (413) 528-1881
MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2018**

WELCOME: The meeting of the Great Barrington Council on Aging held at The Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts is called to order at 1:15 PM by Chair David Rutstein.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair David Rutstein, Vice Chair Pat Kinne, Treasurer Maureen Avery, Secretary Susan Hipwell, Members Barbara Bailly, Eileen Gaarn, Jeanne Holcomb, Sandra Larkin and Amy Rutstein are in attendance. Polly Mann Salenovich, Director of the Claire Teague Senior Center is also present.

Sean Vandeusen, DPW Superintendent, is present to advise on proposed building improvements.

MINUTES: Chair Rutstein asks for a motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 31, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes is made by Member Rutstein and seconded by Member Holcomb.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Avery reports a balance in the treasury of \$23,795.29

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Legislative Earmark Total Award 2019 - \$50,000:

- Area of needs cited:
 - Social
 - Transportation
 - Nutrition
 - Operations
 - Accessibility
 - Outreach
- Proposed Budget:

Social	\$10,000	Acoustic paneling in dining room
Nutrition	\$ 9,000	Commercial kitchen appliances & remodel
Accessibility	\$20,000	Winter vestibule awning
Operations	\$1,000	Office door installation
Transportation/Outreach	\$7,000	Transportation costs and rides to special events at senior center
Social/Outreach	\$2,000	Special event programs
Office Supplies	\$1,000	Printing, postage, etc.

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Outreach Service Incentive Grant (3 yr.):

\$7,000	1 st yr.
11,000	2 nd yr.
13,000	3 rd yr.

- Grant has been submitted for approval
- If approved, Polly will hire someone for the position

Rear View:

- Folk Music Series: Karl Finger, exploring and singing our American history through folk music, is an internationally known recording artist, guitarist and folk singer. This series was made possible by a Great Barrington Cultural Council grant. Kudos to Karl and thank you for this crowd-pleasing event.
- Native Americans of the Northeast Program: Carolyn Calandro of Tapfest fame educates and amuses us with facts, tales and cultural traditions of the Native Americans of the Northeast. Once again, Carolyn – another great job; we applaud your many talents.

Look Ahead:

- Dec. 1st – Sat. (noon - 1:00 PM) – Holiday Tapaganza: Carolyn Calandro and dance team entertain with a seasonal celebration of dance, music, stories, treats and FUN!
- Dec. 10th – Mon. (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) “Winterize Your Car” – MMRHS students through the Auto Vocational Program will check your car and provide a check-list of what needs to be done before the winter comes upon us.
- Dec. 11th – Tues. 11:30 AM – Holiday Luncheon: Hosted by Great Barrington Health Care
- Dec. 13th – Thurs. (11:30 - AM – 2:30 PM) Design Christmas Cards: Michelle Wolfe will show how to design Christmas cards. Fee for class is \$5.00. Snacks will be provided. Sign-up sheet is in dining room.
- Dec. 16th – Sun. – (12:30 PM – 2:30 PM) Earth Angels & Covered Dish Supper Annual Event: A very special event that brings joy and the spirit of Christmas to the seniors year after year.
- Dec. 19th – 12:15 PM - Rail Safety Video Presentation: Dick Towle, a Project Outreach and Safety Instructor, who has more than 40 years of experience in the fire, police and railroad industry, will be presenting this program that will be both educational and informative.
- Monument Mountain Pathway Program will, once again, be caroling at Brookside Manor starting at 4:00 PM.

DPW SUPERINTENDANT: Sean Van Deusen stipulates that regarding all projects: “Any project over the 10,000 threshold must go out to bid.” Superintendent Van Deusen remarks that electrical outlets must be readied to accept new kitchen appliances.

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CITIZENS SPEAK:

- None

BOARD SPEAKS: Chair Rutstein requests members to sign completion of “on-lining-testing” of **CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW** signature page. Members discuss “how to” attract new people to the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Kinne makes the motion to adjourn and Member Rutstein seconds the motion. It is unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hipwell Morris

Secretary

Approved January 30, 2019