

**GREAT BARRINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**Claire Teague Senior Center**  
**917 Main Street**  
**Great Barrington, MA 01230**  
**Phone: (413) 528-1881**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 27, 2018**

**WELCOME:** The meeting of the Great Barrington Council on Aging held at The Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts was 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, Barbara Bailly, Jeanne Holcomb, and Amy Rutstein. Eileen Gaarn is absent. Polly Mann Salenovich, Director of the Claire Teague Senior Center is away on vacation.

**MINUTES:** Chair Rutstein asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Chair Kinne and seconded by Member Holcomb.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Avery reported a balance in the treasury of \$23,057.70.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Rear View:**

- Carolyn Calandro's TapFest was a huge success! Many thanks to all who participated: tap dancers, musicians and the wonderful cooks that made the delectable finger foods. Thank you everyone!
- Trips: Hildene – The Lincoln Family Home in Manchester, Vermont and the Erie Canal Riverboat Cruise of Lock 18 in Herkimer, New York were enormously successful. Polly will be running a second Erie Canal Riverboat trip on Monday, July 30th as the first trip was completely sold out.
- "Little Bit Farm" mobile produce truck made its first appearance, curbside, at Brookside Manor on Monday, June 18. Residents were pleasantly surprised and charmed by this new enterprise and are looking forward to its return on Monday, July 2 at 1:00 PM. Residents wish Ed Hotaling much success in this new venture!
- Thanks to Bill Clark for his "Vietnam Presentation in Photos" and to Sam Rosen for background accompaniment.
- Thanks, once again, to Chef Avery for his culinary art: "Breakfast for Lunch," yummy!

**Look Ahead:**

- July 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM "Free Fun Friday" at Hancock Shaker Village: Picnic lunch on lawn. Carpooling – let us know if you can drive. Sign-up sheet is on the trips board.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Special Lunch: Pizza and salad from Four Brothers. Cost is \$2.00. Sign-up sheet is in dining room.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> - noon (following lunch) - Violin Showcase: Mark Dufoe will show a number of violins and explain the differences in sound and tone. Please see sign-up sheet in dining room.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM – "Movie Thursday" - The Conspirator: About Mary Surratt, the lone female charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination trial of Abraham Lincoln.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Barrington Health Care, will, once again, be providing another wonderful lunch. Many thanks for all their generosity to the center!
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Health Care Proxy: Great Barrington Health Care Social Worker, Julie Frost, will be offering a program about Health Care Proxy.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM – noon - Laurel Lake "Free" Lunch Celebration: Sandy & Sandy (our favorite duo) will perform. Please see sign-up sheet in dining room.

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- July 18th - 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Specialty Phones Demonstration: A representative will be available to display specialized phones for hearing, sight, speech and mobility.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – noon – Presentation on: How to be prepared for expected and unexpected hospitalization. Presented by: Denise Vigna, LSW, Director of Marketing and Outreach for BaneCare. See sign-up sheet in dining room.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM - Cookout & Ice Cream Social: The band “More or Less” will be performing country music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy!
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM – Basket Making Class: Reed Shaker cathead baskets, using reproduction Shaker molds, will be made. There are a limited number of molds available so space is limited. Cost for the 7 inch basket is \$15.00 and the 10 inch basket is \$18.00. Please see sign-up sheet in dining room.
- July 26th – 11:30 AM – Cookout Time: Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and salad. Cost is \$2.00. See sign-up sheet in dining room.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Tanglewood on Parade: Full day of musical activities. Lawn tickets are \$24.00. Bring your own (and share) picnic. See trips board.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM - MGM Grand in Springfield: Cost is \$15.00 per person. See trips board.

### **Of Note:**

- Farmers Market Coupons will be available soon. Big Y and Berkshire Bounty are working together to bring fruits and veggies every Thursday to the center. Most items are gone by noon!
- Outreach – A suggestion was made to deliver food donations (from Big Y and this summer’s farm harvest) to seniors in need. We have a volunteer who has offered to make the deliveries.
- Elder Services will be using the Senior Center on their day of case management. This is a great opportunity to improve communications between the two organizations and gives case managers time to spend with seniors.
- TRIAD will be offering an informational lunch every other month, the first to be held in September. For anyone interested in joining, the next meeting is Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**CITIZENS SPEAK:** None

### **BOARD SPEAKS:**

Chair Rutstein clarifies the “Notice of Great Barrington Vacancies,” as it appears in the June 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the Shopper’s Guide and on the Town website.

Chair Rutstein brings to the attention of the Board the necessity to change the Council on Aging by-law, Article IX, #219-5 which reads: The number of members of the Council shall be (15) of which up to three (3) may be non-residents of the Town of Great Barrington inclusive of the Chairman of the Council.

Using the Amendment Article IX, #219-23 (Power to amend; procedure) which states: The Council shall have power to amend the by-laws in the following manner: (See complete by-law) which shall now be changed to read: “The number of members of the Council shall be nine (9) of which such members must be residents of the Town of Great Barrington.”

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The purpose of this amendment change is:

1. Changing this amendment will allow the COA to be more efficient and manageable.
2. State law now permits only residents to serve on town's COA.

To read and use attachment of Article IV, #219-5 as specified and as defined in Article IX, a fourteen day prior notice of such intent is given today, June 27, 2018, of a meeting of the COA proposed amendment scheduled for September 26, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Kinne made the motion to adjourn and Member Rutstein seconded the motion. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Hipwell Morris*

Secretary

GB COA Minutes approved 9/26/2018