

Minutes  
Age Friendly Committee  
October 11, 2017

Present: Marianne Perry, Marjorie Ellis, Ann Mitchell, John Moran, Romaine Turyn and Eric Dyer for a portion of the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 by the Chair, Romaine Turyn. Romaine distributed stickers and the t-shirt to Ann who was not able to be present at the last meeting.

The minutes were approved as amended.

### **Announcements and Updates**

Marianne reported that the Cemetery Committee is seeking contributions from residents to help support reduced or elimination of the fee for rabies shots and license fees for dogs.

John reported that the KVCAP bus goes to Mount Vernon once a week and only a few people take it. He will call them again to find out more specific information. John also called the resident who had asked the Age Friendly Committee to look into plowing exceptions for older residents. John Moran said he did not talk to the individual but left a message.

Romaine reported on the Aging Summit. She served on a panel with other towns to share their experiences implementing an Age Friendly Committee. The towns represented different phases of development, with Readfield considered a newer community. Some communities have staff to assist with implementation.

### **Handy Helpers**

Romaine reported on a technical assistance phone call with communities interested in implementing a Handy Helper Program and the Bowdoinham Masons and the Bowdoinham officials. The call was very helpful in addressing concerns. Romaine, Eric Dyer and Ed Dodge from the local Mason Chapter participated. Fortunately our local Mason chapter, called the Lafayette Lodge #48 wants to participate. The next step is to redesign forms and meet with Eric and Ed again.

### **Sand Bucket Program**

The Age Friendly Committee wants to continue this effort. We need to increase advertising of it. Marjorie and Marianne will write something for the November Messenger article. We will ask residents to sign up in advance so that they are prepared for the weather. We will ask the Town Office if we can store a few filled buckets at the Town Office.

**Tool Kit**

Romaine reported that in cooperation with AARP, the Bethel Area Age Friendly Committee will loan Readfield its Adaptive Tool Kit for a month or so. This will provide an opportunity to gauge a level of interest in Readfield. The Committee agreed as previously agreed, that we should feature the Tool Kit at the Senior Café and then display it at the Town Office. It was decided that the November 6th at the Senior Café would be ideal, if available and then it could be on display for Election Day. Ann agreed that she could be the Readfield Age Friendly representative at the Senior Café on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Because the display should not be left unattended, the following schedule was set up for Election Day:

8-10	John
10-12	Ann
12-2	Marianne
2-4	Romaine

We agreed after consultation with Eric, that we would keep our originally selected meeting date, the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 at the Town Office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully submitted,  
Romaine Turyn