MINUTES Age Friendly Meeting January 3, 2017

Present: Romaine Turyn, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, John Moran

The first meeting of the year was called to order at 9:10 am.

Updates

Romaine attended a meeting of the Select Board to discuss extending the committee another year. At the meeting, the Board voted instead to establish the Age Friendly Committee as an ongoing standing committee of the town. This will require coming up with some membership terms, and guidelines, eventually. We will look for the format of other town committees as a guide.

Since the Committee has been meeting for a year, Romaine asked if the members wanted to discuss the rotation of the Chair. The members all desired that Romaine remain Chair for the upcoming year.

Ann and Romaine joined Patricia Oh for the meeting of the Library Board. That meeting was well attended and the Library Board had many ideas to offer. They shared some of the many things they are doing as well.

The Senior Café meeting will be held January 9th at 9:00

Romaine is waiting to hear back from Debbie White about meeting with the Guys and Gals.

We discussed meeting with the Cemetery Committee. It was decided that because there is overlap in membership with both the Age Friendly Committee and the Senior Café, that others interested should be invited to the Senior Café meeting. This will avoid duplication and overkill for some individuals.

The upcoming AARP meeting on March 8th was discussed. All members indicated interest in attending. We were asked for topics we would like to have discussed. Romaine agreed to send our suggestions to Patricia.

Communication

There was discussion about how to improve communication between and among members. No changes were recommended and members were pleased with the way things are progressing.

Name of Committee

It has been suggested that we change the name of our committee to more accurately reflect our work. It was agreed we would all come back to the next meeting with suggestions.

Sand Project Implementation

Marianne and John Perry came up with the idea of the Sand Delivery Project. They had seen a Sand Project in the City of Auburn. Romaine contacted Eric Dyer and Bruce Bourgoine and both encouraged us to move forward with some assistance from the town. The Perry's agreed to use their extra buckets and John Moran offered to go to Lowe's and Home Depot to see if they would donate buckets. Old kitty litter buckets would also work. The sand is available at the Transfer Station.

Romaine wrote about this initiative for the January Messenger. Marianne notified the Cemetery Committee and offered to contact the Fire Station to ask them to announce this on their sign. Ann offered to fill pails.

Romaine also wrote a short update to send to all people who responded to the survey that they wanted to stay informed about activities. An announcement would also be made at the upcoming Senior Café meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Romaine Turyn