

MINUTES

AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

April 21, 2021

Present: Romaine Turyn, Marianne Perry, Maggie Edmondson, Ed Dodge, Donna McGibney, and Ann Mitchell

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Romaine Turyn.

Minutes of the March 21, 2021 meeting were amended to reflect that Maggie Edmondson distributed flyers concerning availability of Covid-19 shots at her church. The minutes passed as corrected.

The following items were discussed and updated:

1. Update on sign identifying the maple tree planted by the Readfield Age Friendly Committee. Marianne shared that Covid had caused delays along with changing company ownership. However, the sign is now here and Marianne will pursue putting it properly in place.

2. The committee was given an update by Donna McGibney on her continuing health concerns. She sustained a tick bite and is now being treated prophylactically with penicillin. We wish her quick and complete recovery.

Old Business:

1. The Challenge Grant has been submitted. It was written with social impact as its goal in creating vibrant public spaces.

a. The Readfield Community Library has requested funding for outside programming to include tables and chairs as people await their turn to enter the library, and/or while accessing the library's WiFi. The request includes an awning and Adirondack chairs for outdoor presentations.

b. Floating kayak dock to help people get in and out of their kayaks docked at the Readfield beach.

c. Adirondack chairs for enjoying our special outdoor space and view of the lake.

d. Maranacook Food Pantry items in support of ongoing service to the community are a metal cart for moving food and a new "sandwich" advertising boards to replace current one falling apart on Route 17 at school entrance.

Other items briefly discussed were :

a. How to support CSA farmers such as Farmer Kev

b. How to better utilize the Readfield beach, an underutilized resource

c. Donna raised issue of Food Pantry access to senior citizens

d. Maggie asked that information on the grant application be sent out

e. The Town Clerk has left and Kristen is handling questions, etc

f. Picture submission of tree planted and identification to AARP contest

g. The Community Foundation has donated funding for a bench on top of the hillside overlooking Maranacook. Lake which It should be sturdy enough to withstand year round weather outdoors, add bluestone to maintain the trail system and help prepare the site location for the pulling stone exhibition.

h. Romaine will prepare the annual report.

i. The writing of By-laws is currently on hold

j. There is a need to recruit new members

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. the next meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of May instead of the 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Mitchell