

**MINUTES**  
**AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE**  
**June 9, 2021**

Present: Romaine Turyn, Marianne Perry, Maggie Edmondson, and Ann Mitchell. Ed Dodge was excused due to another commitment. Donna McGibney has resigned due to ongoing health issues. Those present signed a card wishing her a full recovery.

This in-person meeting at the Town Office was called to at 9:00 am by Romaine Turyn

The minutes of the May meeting were corrected and accepted.

**Old Business and Updates:**

1. Marianne recently celebrated a birthday! Congratulations to her from each of us.
2. Bicentennial trees. Marianne reported on the status of the recently planted memorial trees. The Case Cemetery tree needs watering of about a gallon maybe twice weekly. The Fairgrounds tree is thriving, but members should still try to water it when they are able.
3. Community Foundation Grant. Bluestone gravel has been purchased. The bench remains to be purchased. There was discussion that we should purchase signage to be attached to the bench.

**New Business:**

1. Heritage Days will be held August. The original pulling stones from past years will be pulled out by oxen. The event is organized by the Readfield Historical Society. The site preparation for this exhibit was funded by the Maine Community Foundation Grant.
2. Promoting our Committee. Members discussed how we could promote our efforts better. The following are potential ways:
  - a. Designate a member as a PR person
  - b. Start ReadfieldU in September
  - c. Promote it during ongoing Town events at the Meeting House, and at music events, strawberry festival, and pumpkin "patch".
3. Community Challenge Grant. Romaine announced we have been selected as one of the 10 winners out of 3,000+ submissions. This means money for
  - a. 8 new, red Adirondack chairs for the beach

- b. a floating dock for easier getting into and out of kayaks
  - c. Adirondack chairs for the Library as well as table and chairs for outside for WIFI users and special events and speakers
  - d. New, larger, roadside signage for the Maranacook Food Bank
  - e. Durable metal cart for transporting food to curbside for pickup.
- There is an increasing number of older residents using this food service.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

The next meeting will be held at the Town Office on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Mitchell