## AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE July 14, 2021 (Approved September 8, 2021)

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

**Call to Order:** The in-person meeting at the Town Office was called order at 9:00 am by Romaine Turyn.

Eric Dyer, Town Manager, joined us for a short time of non agenda discussion. He provided an update on town activities, including the status of the purchase of the bench. We also discussed the traffic calming measures recently implemented in Mount Vernon. Eric shared that the town will install some posts along the Church Road to slow down traffic.

Minutes: the June minutes had two minor corrections: one concerning Heritage Days and pulling stones. Oxen will be used for this event. The other corrected that a floating dock would make it easier to "get into" and "out of" kayaks. The minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Romaine showed the committee the winning picture of the Community Foundation effort. Unfortunately, our photo was not selected.
- 2. The agenda for Heritage Days was shared. Members were encouraged to attend the pulling stone event. The ground work for the exhibit was funded in part by the Community Foundation grant.
- 3. Marianne gave an update on her submission to the Portland Press Herald newspaper re: Millennial Commentary.
- 4. Marianne gave an update on the status of the Case Cemetery tree and its need for watering during dry spells. The one we planted at the Fairgrounds is doing well.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Union Meeting House has planned activities for every 2 weeks, the strawberry shortcake being the "kick-off" event.
- 2. The awning and stage for behind the Library, and the Food cart and Sandwich Boards for the Maranacook Food Pantry have arrived. These were funded by the AARP Challenge Grant.

## **General Discussion:**

- 1. Topics ranged from recruiting new members of the committee. Gail Letourneau was suggested. Romaine will follow up with her.
- 2. Ed said the Pancake Breakfast would again be held. It raises \$1500-2000. Half the money goes to Project Graduation and half for Bikes for Books.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am. The next meeting scheduled for August  $11^{\rm th}$  will be postponed due to summer activities, including Heritage Days

We need to begin planning for the Smoke Alarm initiative and Readfield U

Respectfully Submitted, Ann Mitchell