

Attending: Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Marianne Perry

Regrets: Steve DeAngelis, Eric Johnson

- Minutes of January 2023 minutes Approved

### **Old Business Updates:**

**Readfield U** – Maggie distributed flyers and posters for all AFC members to distribute to specific locations. Shout out to Maggie for her extraordinary organization. There are 17 events scheduled and people are already signing up. When AFC members attend please do introductions that include what AFC does for residents, our need for volunteers especially for Tech assistance and grant writing and also talk up the NEW NDN program. Maggie reminded us to ask if participants are OK with us taking pictures at the various events. Readfield U is Off and running!

**Comprehensive Plan workshop update** – Elaine reported on a very successful workshop was held on Jan 28. Two items of interest to AFC – There is a lot of community interest in creating a community center that would provide recreational opportunities for all ages year round. Also, the idea of AFC creating Welcome Baskets had great enthusiasm. Hopefully this will be discussed at future meetings. There will be another CP workshop on Feb 25 at 2 pm.

**Handy Helpers brochure** – Much needed discussion on important revisions and additions. Elaine will create a draft of resources for everyone to review. The AFC is willing to cover the cost of creating magnetized refrigerator versions. Kristin will be providing the printing of the flyers at no cost to the AFC budget. Hopefully the new flyers will be distributed along with the next years tax bill in addition to the usual venues.

**NDN** – Elaine attended the most recent NDN meeting. Right now there are about 6 potential drivers and 4 riders. The NDN program is aware of all the efforts of the AFC to assist with publicity on our Flyers. It is important to share with residents that the Readfield expansion of NDN means that we need volunteers to participate in their committees – fundraising, outreach and events.

**Update from the new Fairgrounds committee** – this committee had its first meeting Jan 30. At that meeting, Elaine presented the AFC position that the future development of the Fairgrounds should create a multiuse area that supports activities and the needs of all age groups and including, Readfield's older population. This means designated Handicapped Accessible parking, bathrooms and walkways to start with. There was lots of conversation at our AFC meeting as to what type of activities we would like to see at

the Fairgrounds such as music events, Farmer's market, and Art Festivals to name a few.

**Patricia Oh information on Website** – Patricia was requesting updated info for this state wide website dedicated to Maine's Age Friendly/Lifelong Communities. Unfortunately, the turnaround time for submission was very short. Maggie and Elaine responded with simply updating the AFC members and Readfield U highlights. Hopefully, in the future we can expand on this by adding pictures and more information.

**Budget** – The AFC will request \$ 2000 for the upcoming fiscal year to cover the costs of publicity like magnet flyers and our domain cost for Readfield U website and potential costs related to future projects for this year such as Welcome baskets.

**Senior Café** – Marianne reported that the first meeting was attended by 14 people but the recent meeting only had 6. There was discussion as to perhaps tweaking it so that it does not meet every week but on a scheduled calendar and that the length of the meeting should be shortened. It is probably not realistic to have special guests and presentations at all the meetings so that a fallback plan of activity such as discussing current events or a reading may still create an interactive meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Elaine