

MINUTES
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
September 8, 2021

Present: Romaine Turyn, Marianne Perry, Ed Dodge, Ann Mitchell, Ralph Eno.
Excused: Maggie Edmondson

Mr. Eno was introduced to the Committee. He is our liaison to the Select Board, replacing Bruce Bourgoine.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Romaine Turyn.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written.

News/Announcements: There was discussion of the traffic slowing measures installed by the Town of Mount Vernon. Romaine recalled that Readfield plans to install some measures along the Church Road. Mr. Eno indicated that the rubber posts installed in Mount Vernon are proving effective in slowing down traffic and Readfield intends to proceed. They will have to come down for winter plowing.

Romaine announced that she will sadly be downsizing and moving out of Readfield . She will no longer be able to Chair the Committee after the following month.

UPDATES:

Heritage Days:

The Annual Wine and Cheese Event hosted by the Readfield Historical Association was well attended and was successful in accepting several new members.

The live oxen pull was well attended and was a huge hit with young and older alike. The Fike Family is returning the Union Meeting House donation money given to them for making this event possible. The event included the unveiling by the Readfield Historical Society of a permanent marker detailing past events. It is located at the site where the pulling stones are on display on the Trails.

Grant Implementation Status:

The Community Foundation helped fund the site preparation for the pulling stones, blue stones for trails maintenance and a bench overlooking Maranacook Lake. Thank you to the Bessette's for their efforts in getting the bench assembled and to the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

The work plan for the coming year was discussed.

Smoke Alarm Installation: Postponed due to rising Covid infection numbers.

Readfield U: Decision to hold or not was postponed until October when it will be revisited. Perhaps more information will be available on the COVID Pandemic.

The AARP Challenge Grant funded library outdoor furniture to enhance community events, Adirondack chairs for the beach, and a kayak launch at the beach. Romaine will follow up on the status of ordering these items. The sandwich boards, food carts and cooler have already been purchased and are being used by the Food Pantry. This effort is targeted to improving opportunities for social interaction in public places enhancing the livability in Readfield.

Marianne suggested adding a plaque to bench overlooking Maranacook Lake: This plaque would say the bench was donated by Age Friendly Readfield with funds through the Maine Community Foundation 2021. Marianne will look into the best and quickest way to acquire a plaque. detailing this enhancement.

NEW BUSINESS:

By Laws.

The Town Office continues to look to formalizing this Committee with ByLaws. Romaine, Ann, and Marianne will work on this project, coordinated by Romaine.

Community Service Day at Maranacook High School.

Romaine was contacted by Robyn Graziano for assistance in finding projects for the junior class students for Community Service Day on October 6th. Members thought all projects should be outdoors to minimize risk of exposure to COVID. They brainstormed possible projects. It was decided to write to residents who re on the Town contact list for emergencies and to those who have requested sand buckets. We will be clear projects will be done on a first come first served basis.

OTHER:

Broadband Update: There are a lot of moving pieces to this. There is no firm vendor for implementing service as of yet. More works needs to be done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Mitchell