

Readfield Age Friendly Committee  
Town Office, Readfield, Maine  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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

Excused: Maggie Edmondson.

Guest: David Trunnell.

It was determined a quorum was present.

2. Review of Minutes: The Minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted. (Marianne moved, and Ed seconded.)

3. Oral and Written Communications:

Student Community Service Day. Romaine reported that we were successful in identifying a number of residents with projects for the students. In fact, there were more projects than available student volunteers. Robyn Graziano suggested that the name of those still needing a project completed, could be given to the National Honor Society or other students wanting to do community service.

Lifelong Community Fellows. Romaine gave an update on the Fellow Program with the Town of Readfield. We are still trying to identify an individual in Readfield for the fellow to mentor.

4. Unfinished Business.

a. The AARP Challenge Grant provided resources for a more livable community by enhancing public spaces where the community gathers. There are colorful red Adirondack chairs for use at the Town Beach, outdoor furniture for the Readfield Community Library as well as tent, and sandwich boards and a cart for the Maranacook Food Pantry.

b. Draft of Bylaws drafted by Romaine, Marianne and Ann was given to Kathryn Woodsum, a member of the Select Board, for review.

c. David Trunnell. David reviewed the Readfield Survey of Seniors and made suggestions to the committee on his ideas of outreach. He expressed concern that the survey did not reach residents in need. He proposed revising the survey and having teams go door to door to ask the survey questions in order to assure we survey all residents of Readfield and not just those who respond. He asked the Committee to discuss his proposal and to get back to him.

5. New Business. a. Romaine participated in a phone call with the Coordinator of the Neighbor Driving Neighbor Program and Lynn Kidd, the Coordinator of the SEARCH Program. Lynn remains confident that the SEARCH Program provides rides to Readfield residents and can serve our need. Romaine asked for data on the number of rides provided in the past year. It is hopeful that if we start the planning process now,

the Neighbor Driving Neighbor Program will expand to Readfield in 2023.

b. A Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary need to be elected for the 2022 FY.

c. A determination was made of who will write the Newsletter article.

6. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 at the home of Marianne Perry. The agenda will be to watch the presentation via webinar of the keynote speaker at the Wisdom Summit on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

7. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Mitchell, Secretary