

Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022

Members Present:

Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, Romaine Turyn

Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Romaine called the meeting to order. The April minutes were approved with no corrections. Ed offered to take the minutes.

Neighbors Driving Neighbors – Elaine said there was nothing to report. She contacted NDN to follow-up on the training they suggested would be held in May. The training had not yet been scheduled and they were concentrating on increasing their ridership.

Ed Sims resigned from the Committee. No particular reason was provided but he will likely become a Handy Helper.

Comprehensive Plan – Elaine led the discussion looking for ideas to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Ideas offered:

- Make the beach accessible with an ADA compliant path to the water.
- Place a railing in the water to ease access in and out of the water.
- Make the entrance to the library ADA accessible.
- Add a drive-up book drop in the parking lot.
- Complete the paving of the library driveway.

It was emphasized how important it is for the Age Friendly Committee to be involved in many of the standing committees, including the Recreation, Trails, Comprehensive Plan, as well as others. The limited resources remain an issue, though we should participate as much as possible. We also need to publicize what we do much better.

The grant proposal the Union Meeting House submitted to the Maine Community Foundation to add kitchen items to the Vestry was not funded. The purpose of this request was to assist the Vestry become a place where the Community can gather.

The Committee decided to have a table on Election Day to help promote the activities of the Committee. We will not be able to staff it all day but someone can be there during peak hours.

Eric Dyer joined the meeting to discuss the Broadband proposal that will be voted on Election Day. He gave a history of the proposal and provided details of the rate structure known at this time. There was ample opportunity for questions.

Eric also answered questions about the Fairgrounds proposal which will also be voted on Election Day. It will add a softball field, pickleball and basketball court. A pollinator garden will be added and the trails will not need to be relocated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.