

## **Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2022**

Attending: Steve DeAngelis, Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Eric Johnson, Elaine Katz

Regrets: Marianne Perry and Romaine Turyn

Approval of July 13 minutes – Elaine will forward to Kristin

Before Old Business was begun – members welcomed Eric Johnson and Steve DeAngelis

### **Old Business:**

Marianne had forwarded the following notes: She has completed calling the list of people that was generated at the June election table. Notable responses: Corey Wilson will get in touch with the AFC regarding speaking to us about transportation issues

Ed Dodge reported that he has followed up with Kristen regarding an individual who requested Handy Helper assistance.

Ed is the Handy Helper Contact person for the Town Office.

Both Eric and Steve offered to be added to the Handy Helper list of volunteers.

Ed will also follow up with Rocko Graziano about serving or helping with technology requests.

Going along with this, Ed shared an important resource – the NDEC Catalog of Digital Learning Classes. People may access this wealth of information through the following site: [www.digitalequitycenter.org](http://www.digitalequitycenter.org)

Comprehensive Planning Update: Elaine reported that there are many important issues that relate directly to the interests of the AFC – this past meeting there was much discussion about housing for the elderly. The Comprehensive Plan is still a work in progress. However, a Short Survey was developed and it is hoped that it can be widely disseminated in a variety of formats to encourage the greatest response from all Readfield residents.

Neighbors Driving Neighbors: Since the orientation that Elaine and Bruce went to in June, Bruce met with the Director of NDN, They are working on restoring their program to pre-pandemic levels at this time. It is estimated that timeline for incorporating Readfield into the program will not occur before sometime in 2023. Elaine will keep us posted.

Town Beach – There is now a poster board at the top of the driveway to the Readfield beach that reminds everyone that a permit is required ( even though there is no fee for residents ) to use the premises.

Articles for the Messenger: At this time, the committee agrees that it may not be necessary to contribute an article every month to the Messenger but will make sure that articles are submitted when there are concrete items to present. Currently there are several projects that are still a work in progress.

Finally, the AFC is requesting space in the town office for maintaining AFC files. At this time one cabinet draw would be sufficient but if that is not available, then the AFC is requesting that the town purchase a 2-drawer file cabinet.

### **New Business:**

The possibility of offering Smoke Alarm installations this fall – This has been a popular and important program in the past. Maggie will contact Romaine to obtain the paperwork and contact information necessary to put this program in motion. The AFC will revisit this in September.

Items arising from Melissa Small's visit last month: there were many exciting and worthy ideas that came out of this discussion, so the committee recommended that the focus be narrowed to the following: Steve offered to contact the middle school administration to see if there is interest in reviving Senior Café as an intergenerational program.

Ed will reach out to the Readfield United Methodist Church to see if there would be opportunities to use their space for programming.

The AFC also hopes to prioritize resurrecting popular programs that had to be curtailed during the pandemic – high on this list is offering once again the very popular Readfield U. next March.

Topic: Welcome Basket – much discussion around this project ensued and it became apparent that before delving into this new project, there is much to be done in preparation.

First and foremost, the AFC identified the need to review and update the AFC informational brochure with the idea that it could be converted or incorporated into a town wide mailing. AFC members will review the current Handy Helper brochure to see what type of revisions should be made and these will be discussed at the September meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine