

Minutes

Age Friendly meeting

January 10, 2018

9:00

Members present: Marianne Perry, Maggie Edmondson, Ann Mitchell, Romaine Turyn
(Marjorie Ellis, excused)

Others: Eric Dyer for part of the meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Romaine Turyn.

Committee members welcomed newly appointed member Maggie Edmondson. Maggie has been attending meetings but now she is an official member!

Marianne provided an update on Marjorie. Her surgery went well and she is recovering as expected.

Adaptive Tool Kit Initiative

The members reviewed the initiative and there was consensus that it was a worthwhile effort. Over 100 people stopped by the table on Election Day and the items were on display at the Town Office for the rest of November and all of December. Romaine returned the kit to the Bethel Area Age Friendly Committee and was thrilled to report all the items were there; a tribute to Readfield residents!

Since the Readfield Library Board is interested in making the Tool Kit available as part of the Library initiatives, it was the consensus of the Committee to consider our work accomplished with an offer to assist the Library Board.

Three Resident Requests

Three residents called the Town for assistance. One needed help getting shoveled out. Romaine, Debbie and Rob Peale assisted this individual and the Peale's have been providing ongoing assistance and check in after each storm.

Another request was that the town have community access to a public water supply for water when needed. Currently, people go to Winthrop Fuel to get their water. (Subsequent follow up informed the citizen that water is available outside the town office.)

The last request was about the snow conditions outside of the post office. It can be treacherous there and it is unclear who is responsible for keeping the area cleared – the town, the Post Office or the owners of the building. The fact that there is a sidewalk next to the road complicates the clean up. This will be researched by members.

Handy Helper Brochure

The brochure was reviewed once again and finalized. The next step is to get a list of volunteer handy helpers and publicize the availability of the service.

Flyer for Sand Buckets

A flyer for the Sand Bucket program is needed. Romaine will ask Robin for assistance developing one. Marianne arranged to have it advertised on the Union meeting House kiosk and Eric was reminded to contact the Fire Department to have it posted on their kiosk.

AARP Tech Call on sand Bucket and Snow Shoveling Programs

Romaine participated in this call. Some Age Friendly Programs are adding a snow shoveling component. We are not prepared to do this unless the handy Helpers offer to do so.

The City of Augusta worked with Spectrum Generations to inform home delivered meal participants of this service. It generated many requests. Romaine will pursue this with Spectrum Generations/

Discussion of Grant Opportunity

The grant opportunity through AARP that we pursued last summer but which we were not funded will be available again this year. The committee agreed we should pursue it again this year but pare down our request. We will provide the application submitted last year.

The Committee adjourned.