

APPROVED MINUTES
AGE FRIENDLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2018

Present: Ann Mitchell, Romaine Turyn, Maggie Edmondson, Donna McGibney Ed Dodge, Robin Lint, Marianne Perry

The meeting was called to order at 9:03.

The minutes were approved as amended, replacing Maggie's name in place of Donna's.

Lee Mank was scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss the smoke alarm initiative and other areas that we might cooperate. However, he called Romaine before the meeting indicating he could not make it as he was called to an accident.

There have been no calls for the smoke alarm as a result of the Messenger article. Robin offered to bring it to the Guys and Gals meeting. Committee member agreed to distribute the flyer to the PO, Kent Hill area and Ed offered to distribute it at his church.

Feedback

All agreed having the information table on election day was somewhat successful. People leaving did not tend to stop. Ann suggested in the future having an actual smoke alarm to attract attention.

AARP Grant

Readfield was awarded the grant. Romaine agreed to write a press release announcing this award and to contact the Chairs of the Trails, Conservation and Recreation Committees to schedule a site visit.

The Property Tax Assistance program was voted in at the Town Meeting. A brochure will be developed outlining the details of this assistance.

Letter to MDOT

A letter was sent to MDOT about the area in front of the Post Office. It becomes a hazardous area when there is a lot of snow and people are forced to park even further out into the road. MDOT responded immediately to the letter. Eric suggested Romaine call and set up a meeting time with MDOT officials.

Summer Resident Meeting

On August 3rd there is a meeting at the Town Office with summer residents. It provides an opportunity to share with summer residents what is happening in town. Donna agreed to attend this meeting and share resources developed by the Committee.

Readfield Festival August 11th

The Adaptive Tool Kit will be on display at the Readfield Community Library. Arrangements will need to be made to pick it up in Bethel and to return it. We will have the kit the entire month of August.

Ed Dodge offered the opportunity to display information at the pancake breakfast to be held in the Masonic Temple. Maggie offered to assist with this project.

Handy Helper Program

The town has not received any requests for assistance. Robin offered to put information about the program in the Advertiser.

Volunteer Transportation Program

Romaine reported on meetings being held in Winthrop to explore the need for a volunteer transportation program. Several churches in Winthrop are interested as is the family physician office and the Town of Winthrop. A grant opportunity became available. The committee members decided to support the application being developed by the SEARCH Program, a program offered by Catholic Charities of Maine. This is a program that uses volunteers and primarily offers companionship. Transportation is also provided by the volunteers. At this point, the extent of our involvement is to write a letter of support.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Romaine Turyn