

Minutes
Age Friendly Committee
September 6, 2018

PRESENT: Ed Dodge, Marjorie Ellis, Romaine Turyn, Maggie Edmondson, Ann Mitchell, Donna McGibney

Excused: Marianne Perry

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.
The minutes were approved as corrected.

Status of Membership

Ed Dodge has submitted his application to the Town.
Donna appeared before the Select Board and is Official

Handy Helper Update

No requests have been received.

Ed will check if the Masons are willing to do leaf raking should we receive requests. He will also check if the boy scouts are willing to rake as well.

Regional Meeting in Hallowell

Marianne and Ann reported on the meeting held in Hallowell. She learned what other community Age Friendly communities are doing and found it very helpful.

Update on Volunteer Transportation Grant

Ann reported that the grant application has been submitted by the Search Program of Catholic Charities of Maine to expand and to focus on volunteer transportation. In Winthrop, the need for volunteer transportation and a request for volunteer drivers has been made to two churches with one more to go. The letter of support for the grant application was circulated.

Maggie suggested she would like to convene a subcommittee to explore having a resident educational forum, similar to one in Vermont. She also thought more could be done for older residents at Christmas time, such as a community sing along. Marjorie agreed to serve on the sub-committee.

Meeting with MDOT

There was discussion about the meeting with the MDOT about the parking spaces aside the post office. Most committee members attended including Ed Dodge also representing the Masons, as well as Eric Dyer, The Postmaster and the owner of the store. All agreed the area needs improvement. The next step is for the Town to develop a plan and present it to MDOT.

Adaptive Tool Kit feedback

The tool kit was on display at the Library for the month of August. The timing was to coincide with the Readfield festival this year. Committee members did not have much feedback though Romaine reported the library said it had quite a few visits. It was located in a different room from the circulation desk so there was not constant monitoring.

Mason Breakfast Information Table

Maggie staffed the information table at the Mason breakfast. She reported there were not many people who visited the table though one of the masons took the material and put it on the breakfast tables. Given our limited resources, it was decided it was not a great use of our time.

Summer Resident Meeting

The meeting went well. Information about the Age Friendly Committee was shared. It was worth the effort and should be repeated.

Safe Driving Class

A Safe Driving Class offered through AARP is being held at the Maranacook Community Education Program. Donna is teaching the class. The class will meet 3 times. A financial incentive to take the class is that insurance companies may take \$15-\$20 off a policy a year. It teaches the awareness of skill decline and how to adapt to changes we all go through.

Plan for Smoke Alarm Initiative

Romaine has been trying to contact Ron Springle from the Red Cross with little luck. She will try again and if not successful, she will pass his contact information to Donna to follow up while Romaine is on vacation.

AARP

Romaine reported that our action plan was approved by AARP. The Town Office should receive official notice.

The meeting adjourned.