

Minutes  
Age Friendly Committee  
December 11, 2019

Present: Ed Dodge, Marianne Perry, Donna McGibney, Maggie Edmondson, Romaine Turyn

Excused: Ann Mitchell

Others Present: Eric Dyer

The meeting was called to order at 9:04.

The minutes from the November meeting were not available for approval.

Eric Dyer joined the meeting.

#### Updates

A number of requests for sand buckets have been received. We have also received requests for assistance with snow shoveling. There was a great deal of discussion about this. It was decided if we do anything it should be only for those individuals who truly need assistance, which is challenging to define. It was suggested that one criterion be that the person be on the Town's Emergency Contact list. The discussion turned to who could do the shoveling and if there should be a fee. We agreed to contact the Readfield Volunteer Fire Department to see if any volunteers might be willing to perform this service IF they were paid by the resident. Lee Mank will be contacted.

Eric and Romaine spoke about a grant opportunity through the Maine 200 Bicentennial Committee and a variety of connections being made between Readfield "U" and Maine 200.

We discussed where the March 14<sup>th</sup> baked bean potluck should be held, and Eric suggested the new dining hall at Kents Hill School. The school is historically significant, is large enough to hold a crowd and the students may be on vacation at that time. Eric offered to contact the Headmaster to explore if this is a possibility.

Eric also suggested David Cook as a possible speaker at Readfield "U." He is a historian from Winthrop and has detailed knowledge of the various water transportation routes used in Readfield. Eric offered to contact him. Romaine still needed to follow up with a few potential presenters who indicated interest but had not provided information. Maggie said we had 14 confirmed presenters and we are still waiting on information from 2 more.

We discussed possibilities of help developing a website for Readfield "U". Maggie knows someone who could do it but could not do so on a volunteer basis. She will explore the cost.

We also discussed adding the Maine-Wabanaki REACH program. It is interactive and also is consistent with the historical theme. Maggie will explore if they are available in March and what the cost might be.

There was discussion about advertising and the possibility of mailing a flyer to each Readfield Household. All possibilities will be considered.

The next meeting of the Readfield "U" Committee is January 7, 2020. The next meeting of the Age Friendly Committee is Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted, Romaine Turyn