

Age Friendly Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:07.

The June Minutes were approved as amended. The July minutes were mislabeled as June and were lost.

Updates

The Sugar Maple Tree has been purchased and we are waiting for a convenient time for Town employees to assist planting it. Marianne thought it would be at the end of the week. She agreed to contact people once she knew the date and time. All agreed it would be nice to take a picture of it with members of the Committee.

Ed agreed to look into purchasing a plaque for it.

Maggie had volunteered to be part of the Broadband video but had not been contacted. This is a different effort than the broadband referendum. Romaine agreed to send out information about the recently passed broadband referendum.

New Items

The town received a request from a researcher at the University of New England to distribute a survey they are conducting about the effect of COVID-19 on people over age 55. Marianne and Ann volunteered to take the test and share their opinion if we should distribute it.

Smoke Alarm Distribution

The Committee has worked for the past two years with the Red Cross to install smoke alarms in resident homes. The Committee discussed if we should proceed this year and it was agreed to hold off this coming year. We should plan to do it in November 2021.

Aging Well in Readfield 2017

The plan was to review the plan and update it. Also, perhaps a review would spur members to start a new initiative. Members did not feel they could review it with the electronic copy which was distributed. Romaine agreed to ask the Town Office to copy the report and mail it to members. This will be put on the September agenda.

The meeting adjourned because we ran out of the 40 minutes allowed for zoom meetings!