

Minutes  
Age Friendly Meeting  
December 12, 2018

Present: Marjorie Ellis, Donna McGibney, Maggie Edmondson, Romaine Turyn Ed Dodge, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, Eric Dyer for part of the meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05.

#### UPDATES

Ed Dodge reported that he is an official member of the Committee. Congratulations to Ed!

The minutes of September and October were approved as corrected.

The person from Readfield who contacted the Wayne Volunteer Transportation program did in fact get a ride to his medical appointments.

No Handy Helper requests have been reported.

#### Review of the Smoke Alarm Installation Initiative

All agreed it was worthwhile and should be repeated annually. A few observations were noted:

- More instruction and time spent on installation of the smoke alarms
- Some of the Red Cross Volunteers had not installed them before
- Houses in Readfield do not have their ###'s clearly identified and visible

Volunteers returned to several houses to install a third alarm.

The Committee discussed whether the Handy Helpers are available to shovel snow. It was concluded that they are willing to shovel on occasion if needed. Minimal shoveling will be done perhaps one time until a household can find a more permanent solution.

Sand Bucket flyers were distributed to be posted in public places in town. The availability of bucket is posted on the Union Meeting House kiosk which is helpful.

#### Community Education Project Idea

Maggie elaborated on some of her ideas regarding replicating the Vermont Bethel University. People would offer workshops sharing their expertise on most any subject. She will contact the Vermont Project to see if someone might come to Readfield to discuss their project.

She is also interested in a community Christmas Carol sing along. The Library tree lighting is nice but the singing is more of a performance than a sing along. We could also hold it inside. We could call it Readfield "U". A planning committee is needed to do the research, find a location and presenters.

Eric joined the meeting. He reported that a few people took advantage of the tax assistance program but that next year with earlier and better publicity, we hope more will take advantage of it.

The Age Friendly budget was discussed. We have money that has not been spent. Eric clarified that within reason, the decisions about how to spend our money is the Committee's decision. For example, if we wanted to pay the expenses of someone from the Vermont Bethel University, we could make that decision.

The grant available from the Maine Community Foundation was discussed. Several ideas were discussed but there was not an enthusiastic consensus around any particular idea. Romaine agreed to send out the grant announcement to Donna and Maggie.

The committee briefly reviewed the work plan and will continue to review it at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.