

Minutes

Age Friendly Committee

January 22, 2019 (snow date from January 16, 2019)

Present: Ed Dodge, Marianne Perry, Ann Mitchell, Marjorie Ellis, Maggie Edmonson, Romaine Turyn, Robin Lint

Excused: Donna McGibney

The minutes were approved after one correction.

Updates

There was one Handy Helper request from a woman in Manchester.

There were 10 requests for a Sand Bucket. All requests accommodated.

Marianne shared that there will be a paint party at the Weathervane to benefit the Union Meeting House.

Robin shared that she will be working through the next month – February. She also shared a few ideas she might pursue once retired. Robin will not be idle!

No one pursued the grant available through the Maine Community Foundation.

Romaine received a Christmas gift of books from AARP that deal with a variety of topics related to aging and the community. Some are children's books. She will donate them to the library.

Upcoming Activities

SHORT TERM

Committee members are concerned that not everyone who needs to know about us are aware that we exist. There was much discussion about how best to reach people. It was suggested we write and send a letter to older Readfield residents that describes the services we can offer. Romaine agreed to draft the letter.

It was also suggested we invite Lynn Kidd from the SEARCH program to a meeting to discuss how we can best work with SEARCH. We should invite the Mount Vernon and Wayne Age Friendly communities as we share borders. We should be working cooperatively both in recruiting volunteers and supporting residents. An invitation should also be extended to the members of the Senior Café and the Guys and Gals. Romaine will contact Lynn Kidd to discuss the idea.

LONG TERM ITEMS

Activities for Heritage Days

Follow-up on the sidewalk in front of the post office

Some sort of Senior housing for Readfield