

Approved Committee Meeting Minutes

Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022, June 8, 2022 & August 10, 2022

Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022

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Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022

Members Present:

Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, Romaine Turyn

Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Romaine called the meeting to order. The April minutes were approved with no corrections. Ed offered to take the minutes.

Neighbors Driving Neighbors – Elaine said there was nothing to report. She contacted NDN to follow-up on the training they suggested would be held in May. The training had not yet been scheduled and they were concentrating on increasing their ridership.

Ed Sims resigned from the Committee. No particular reason was provided but he will likely become a Handy Helper.

Comprehensive Plan – Elaine led the discussion looking for ideas to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Ideas offered:

- Make the beach accessible with an ADA compliant path to the water.
- Place a railing in the water to ease access in and out of the water.
- Make the entrance to the library ADA accessible.
- Add a drive-up book drop in the parking lot.
- Complete the paving of the library driveway.

It was emphasized how important it is for the Age Friendly Committee to be involved in many of the standing committees, including the Recreation, Trails, Comprehensive Plan, as well as others. The limited resources remain an issue, though we should participate as much as possible. We also need to publicize what we do much better.

The grant proposal the Union Meeting House submitted to the Maine Community Foundation to add kitchen items to the Vestry was not funded. The purpose of this request was to assist the Vestry become a place where the Community can gather.

The Committee decided to have a table on Election Day to help promote the activities of the Committee. We will not be able to staff it all day but someone can be there during peak hours.

Eric Dyer joined the meeting to discuss the Broadband proposal that will be voted on Election Day. He gave a history of the proposal and provided details of the rate structure known at this time. There was ample opportunity for questions.

Eric also answered questions about the Fairgrounds proposal which will also be voted on Election Day. It will add a softball field, pickleball and basketball court. A pollinator garden will be added and the trails will not need to be relocated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

Members Present:

Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, Romaine Turyn

Town Manager – Eric Dyer Ralph Eno, Select Board Representative

Meeting Called to order by Romaine at 9 am.

Old Business:

- 1) May minutes were approved with no corrections
- 2) Elaine presented a summary of topics presented at the Orono Statewide AF meeting on June 3. Of special note was the recognition of Romaine's continued work as one of eight Fellows in the state and her role in mentoring the AFC. Additionally, Romaine recognized the accomplishments of Readfield's AFC and presented a Certificate of Recognition. Members of Readfield AFC expressed their great appreciation for the many years of commitment by Ann Mitchell.
- 3) Announcements: Marianne reported that the AF tree planted at the Fairgrounds is growing well.
- 4) Romaine raised the question regarding the Floating Dock part of the grant that was received for the Kayak rack project at the Readfield beach. Eric responded that this was not realized due to additional costs but he will look into it.
- 5) The red deck chairs will be brought out of storage for beach users' enjoyment.
- 6) Elaine requested a space on the bookcase in the Conference Room be designated for AFC materials. Eric indicated that can be done.
- 7) Ralph reported that in recent months the Select Board developed an extensive document that defines all committee responsibilities and protocols. The question was raised as to where this document could be found. It can be found in the Feb/March 2022 Select Board minutes. Eric was asked to circulate the link to this document to all committee chairs.
- 8) A discussion ensued about how the AFC can connect to other town committees by asking them to designate liaisons to the AFC. Marianne volunteered to bring this request to Melissa,
- 9) Readfield librarian.
- 10) NDN update – no news other than Elaine and Bruce will attend their Orientation meeting Next week on June 15.
- 11) AFC presence at June 14 election at Kents Hill. The AFC will have a table set up to provide information and answer questions in the hopes of soliciting interest. Marianne will attend the table from 8 am – 10 and Elaine will cover from 6 – 8 pm.

- 12) Committee Structure – a lengthy discussion ensued and although no one was willing to take up the mantle of being the Chairperson, everyone agreed that responsibilities will be shared. EK – will do minutes; Marianne will do phone calls; Ed will reach out to his contacts when necessary; Maggie will put together the agenda and hopefully work on future Readfield U. and Romaine will continue to be 'on call' and be available to consult and assist the Committee as needed.
The one task still to be designated is who will be the author of the AFC contribution to the Monthly Readfield Messenger.

New Business

1. Creating questions for the Comprehensive Planning Comm. Survey.
The CPC will be meeting next week, Wed June 15 with the intent to finalize their survey.

These are the questions/themes that the AFC is putting forth to be included in the final Comprehensive Plan document recognizing that most of the topics in the Comprehensive Plan will overlap with Age Friendly concerns.

Transportation:

Is it a priority to provide improved access to transportation through creation of, or by joining, a regional program which we support through volunteers and/or financial commitment?

Housing:

Is it a priority to pursue development of Housing for the Elderly?

Safety:

Is it a priority for the Town of Readfield to have an EMS presence that would provide emergency response times consistent with national professional recommendations?

Please refer to the Addendum on the next page that inspired this discussion

Social Engagement:

Is it a priority to create a community center space for ALL residents of all ages to come for educational programs, indoor social activities, health screenings, once a month meals, Coffee club, music, exercise etc.?

Is it a priority to establish a paid position as Director of Quality of Life activities who would oversee the use of town outdoor and indoor recreational facilities, create programming, and oversee the activities of the community center?

Local Economy:

These are suggestions for local businesses that would specifically support and enhance the lives of older segments of Readfield's population. These suggestions were derived from the comments Readfield residents made on the survey that was conducted by the AFC in 2016.

Maintain access to a food store
Breakfast café
24/7 access to ATM machine
Medical office

Meeting adjourned 11:30

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Katz

Addendum

According to an article published in the JAMA Mell HK, Mumma SN, Hiestand B, Carr BG, Holland T, Stopyra J. Emergency Medical Services Response Times in Rural, Suburban, and Urban Areas. *JAMA Surg.* 2017;152(10):983-984. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2017.2230

"The average ambulance response time – for an EMS unit to arrive on the scene from the time of a 911 call – was seven minutes. This emergency response time increased to more than 14 minutes in rural settings. Nearly one in ten encounters wait up to a half-hour for EMS personnel to arrive.

Longer EMS response times are associated with worse outcomes in trauma patients."

Age Friendly Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022

Approved 08-10-2022

Attending: Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Marianne Perry

Guest attendees: Romaine Turyn and Melissa Small

Approval of June 8, Minutes with one requested correction – Elaine will forward to Kristen

Old Business:

1. NDN – Elaine and Bruce Bourgoine attended the orientation in June. Bruce is scheduled to meet with Harald. Elaine will contact Misty to arrange for herself to be the email contact on their ListServe. The organization is holding an online silent auction fundraiser.
2. Election Night Table: Between the hours that Marianne and Elaine covered the table, many people signed up expressing interest in getting involved in a variety of capacities. Romaine will ask Holly to add these names to the list she has already has. Maggie will type up the list and send it to Marianne who will follow up with introductory calls.
3. Continued discussion on Committee Organization:
Maggie has agreed to continue creating the agenda
Elaine will continue doing the minutes
Ed will be the Handy Helper liaison to Kristen – to follow up on requests
Maggie will be the contact person to Kristen for all other things
Marianne will follow up with Kristen regarding the most recent Handy Helper request
Yet to be decided – how to handle the monthly article for the Messenger and other reports
4. Membership -We were notified that Ed Sims sent his Letter of Resignation to the Town Office. We are uncertain as to the status of Eric Johnson since we do not know if he has filed an Application at the Town Office. All agreed that the AFC needs additional membership
5. Comprehensive Plan Survey – Elaine worked with Eric and Greg to include several survey questions that relate directly to age friendly concerns.
6. Handy Helper – discussion was addressed under previous sections

New Business:

1. Melissa Small, Readfield Librarian was invited to the AFC to talk about the possible ways we can collaborate. Melissa shared that the library serves a very diverse older population in a multitude of ways. She approaches this in 3 ways.

Collection: The library has a very active ILL request program/ Large Print books will now be InterLibrary loaned from the Maine State Library/ our library has increased LP section to about 50 books/ maintaining audio CDs and DVDs

Programming: Author events/Workshops and One-to-One assistance/Home Delivery (currently to 4 or 5 recipients)/Curbside Pick up/Grandparent Storytime/Hybrid Book Group/ Special Consideration to the timing of events for our older population other than at night/ Providing books to Balsam Assisted Living facility

Publicity: using the Messenger, Library Facebook and Website/direct emails/Advertiser/in the future placing flyers in the home delivered meals through the Cohen Center/ library sign board/ fire station sign?

Finally, we spent considerable time brainstorming age friendly themes for programming and displays. We will continue to do this at our next AFC meeting.

Gardening

Grief

Genealogy

Financial health/Scamming

Brain health and other health related topics

Caregiver information

Personal safety

Computer literacy

Intergenerational programs

Knitting/crocheting/other crafts

Coffee/tea times

2. Future Projects – the idea of creating a Welcome Basket for new residents overlaps nicely with promoting the library as well. We will continue to work on the details at the next meeting.
3. We did not get to discuss hopes and expectations for our new liaison to Select Board, Steve DeAngelis. This will be included on the next agenda.
4. Incident at Readfield Beach – a member of the AFC organized a birthday party for a senior resident and was told there was a fee for the use of the beach facility. Use of the Readfield Beach is free for Readfield residents. This unfortunate misunderstanding occurred as a result of a lack of signage that a permit (even for residents) is required. Several suggestions were offered to prevent this from happening again that will be passed along to Eric- perhaps the attendant can issue beach passes by contacting the town office during regular business hours for resident verification.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 Next meeting August 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Elaine

Appeals Board Meeting

February 17, 2022

Members present: William Gagne Holmes (Chair), Peter Bickerman (Vice Chair), Holly Rahmlow (Secretary), John Blouin, Clif Buuck, Henry Whittemore and Francis Zambella

Also in attendance: Town Manager Eric Dyer

Will called the meeting to order at 6:09 via Zoom.

The first issue was the approval of the minutes from the Feb. 3, 2022, hearing regarding the SSMH appeal. Henry moved that the committee adopt the minutes as presented via email today after editing by Peter and Clif. Will seconded. Everyone voted in favor.

The second issue was to adopt the hearing decision. Will sent the final edited version to the board today via email, and no one had any issues or changes. Will moved we adopt the decision; Peter seconded. Peter voted in favor, Fran voted in favor, Henry voted in favor, Holly voted in favor, John voted in favor, Clif voted in favor, and Will voted in favor. Approved unanimously.

Holly moved we adjourn; Henry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow

Approved 08-15-2022

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Town hall and Zoom

Attendees: Brian Tarbuck, Eric Dyer, Marty Hannish (guest)

Guests: Kathryn Woodsum (remote), Rocco Graziano (remote), Brent West (remote)

18:35 call to order

18:36 Tabled approval of the meeting minutes from April 27 due to a lack of quorum.

18:37 Kathryn said there was no selectboard meeting since April 27th. The website has been launched. The mailers are ready to go. There is an insert to explain the warrant; a mailer and a tri-fold similar to the fairgrounds. Mailers should be in mailboxes by next week. Trifolds will be available but not mailed out. Direct door mailer will likely be sent out by early June.

Dyer shared the handouts on screen so meeting participants could get a preview of the upcoming public awareness documents.

Dyer emphasized that the costs proposed by Axiom include any required state or federal taxes. Residents who are comparing existing fees for internet service should be sure to include any fees etc they're paying to get a fair comparison. Dyer also noted that the Axiom speeds are symmetrical. For example, 100 megabits per second down is also 100 megabits per second up which is different from typical asymmetrical speeds which normally have about 1/10 the upload speed compared to download speed.

Dyer noted that people who have internet service now can go to <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> to see if they're eligible for subsidized internet costs.

Dyer noted that we are now eligible for grants which wasn't the case a few months ago. Tarbuck noted that the broadband space is very dynamic and pointed out that today Fidium, a subsidiary of Consolidated (phone company) was installing new fiber on poles in Manchester on 17 near the Readfield town line. Fidium has not indicated a desire to stretch into Readfield however.

The loan that the town would take out would be for 20 years in the amount of \$5M. There is concern that the Fed is increasing interest rates which will increase Readfield's cost of borrowing. Hannish noted that as the bond market strengthens the town might want to look into selling bonds as an alternative to traditional borrowing.

Hannish asked about the construction contract. The contract will primarily be a fixed price contract. Some costs including 'make ready' costs to attach aerial infrastructure to a pole, are not fixed. The fixed pieces include the "central office hardware" etc.

June 2nd will be a good time for people to attend the public hearing which will also be on Zoom. Hannish noted that the candidates' night was frustrating because it didn't work well for his family. He hoped that this will improve by June 2nd particularly on the Zoom. Dyer noted that an earlier test of the system didn't reveal any of the issues that were observed that evening and expressed his frustration as well.

Public comment: Brent West - had questions from the community that were skeptical about the proposed fiber project. West asked if the committee had looked into just building out the last customers for cable internet to provide them with Spectrum service instead of building out to the whole town. West noted that this was far less costly and would meet the goals of ensuring all residents had access to internet services. Woodsum noted that the committee's charge was to get reliable and consistent data to all of the homes in town. Based on feedback from some, but not all, customers there was frustration with internet service and customer service. Tarbuck noted that last fall the voters indicated a desire to continue the research into the fiber project. The committee has been working toward that goal ever since.

West asked what might happen if Axiom were to fail? Dyer said that there are other providers who would use that infrastructure to provide service. Dyer noted that the aerial infrastructure, if approved, would be owned by the taxpayers and could be used by other vendors in the future.

West expressed concern that the information provided is a little too rosy and light on the parts that might go wrong with this project. Tarbuck noted that it was important for people to look at their individual circumstances in terms of taxes and internet needs and make those decisions accordingly. Dyer noted that the proposal, though it does raise taxes to pay for the infrastructure, does result in lower cost internet for the majority of residents which was part of the goal of the committee.

Hannish noted that there are two points he wanted to bring up. He wanted to note that the town should provide information that shows the pros and cons of the project and the information provided so far, in his opinion, is light on the downsides of the project. Hannish also noted that there should be a hefty performance bond for this project to ensure that the investment in materials made by the town are built out to town specifications.

Dyer said that a \$5M contract is very significant and that appropriate protections will be in place to protect the town's investment if voters approve the question.

West asked if the upcoming June 2nd meeting is an information session for the public to learn more about this project. Dyer said that it was and that he really hoped people would attend and continue to ask good questions about the project and other matters before the town.

June 14th is voting day and Dyer and Woodsum encouraged people to continue to ask questions and please vote on the 14th.

The next Broadband committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30 PM at the town office.

8:04 meeting adjourned

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Present: Brenda Lake, Marianne Perry, Warren Norris, Ben Rodriguez, Tom Molokie, Karen Peterson, Grace Keene

Excused absence: Andy Tolman, Pam Osborn, Lee Livingston

Meeting Minutes for Prior Meeting: Minutes for May were reviewed. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes, Brenda seconded. There was no discussion and minutes were unanimously approved. Approved minutes will be submitted to Town Clerk.

Juneteenth celebrated as a national holiday today.

2022 Cemetery Committee budget passed by town of Readfield election.

Sexton's Report by Ben Rodriguez

Ben reported that FY 21 money must be spent by the following week ending June 30th. He will focus on specific needs to address remaining balances that have already been recommended by the Committee and Readfield Town management. An example is plants purchased for the reflecting garden including daylilies, spirea and Russian Sage. Others are the completion of some tree work by Stevenson and Collette also repaired some gravestones this past week. Some minor maintenance tools were purchased as well. A new zero turn has been approved for purchase.

No well will be drilled near the ball field.

Asked by Grace about the bare ground at the Case Cemetery Ben informed the Committee that grubs have eaten the sod roots. Karen mentioned that prior years saw the same infestation there. Once the grubs arise animals like skunks, possums and porcupines dig for them further destroying the sod. Committee recommended Ben seek advice of lawncare management company. Karen made a motion to ask Town investigate the Case sod issue and come up with a rectification program, 2nd by Tom. Some discussion occurred centering around ideas for reseeded or hiring a professional for review. Recommendation for inquiry was passed unanimously. [Since this meeting the grass appears to have rebounded.]

Ben noted that quite a few lots for cremains were sold. Tom asked about point of contact for selling lots. Ben said that lot sales go through him.

Ben has asked Stevenson to focus on saving trees this coming year.

It has been asked of Ben to verify that Mark Railo, recently deceased, is a veteran and add him to the town veteran gravesite registry.

Old Business

Pam pointed out that Tom, Lee and she did put out flags at Readfield Corner. While doing so they noted quite a bit of activity and maintenance occurring and gave copious complements on how well groomed it looked. Kudos to sexton and his crew. Marianne noted that there were lots of flowers placed by visitors.

New Business

Grace also noted that the upper part of East Readfield Cemetery hadn't been mowed prior to Memorial Day and recommended that no other cemetery be started until the last be completed.

A complaint about the mowing at Readfield Corner was received and addressed by Ben and his crew.

While our meeting was held at Kents Hill Cemetery Warren asked about the Karsten Stone which was still fallen. The history of the stone was reviewed. This is an issue where the family hasn't come forward to remount the stone despite attempts to contact the family. Tom knows the Karsten property management company and volunteered to make a contact and hopefully engender a resolution.

Ben is searching for partners to help on identifying veterans and compiling information on our known veterans.

Grace asked Committee members if any important business needed to be addressed in July. There are no outstanding issues, as such she recommended a hiatus until August skipping the July meeting.

Next meeting is August 15th, 2022 @ Whittier Cemetery.

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Marianne, discussion waived by chair. Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Norris
Cemetery Committee

Addenda

1. August meeting location has been changed to Readfield Corner Cemetery (Church Road) at the request of the sexton.
2. Marianne Perry has asked that an item be added to the August meeting agenda. She would like to discuss adding fencing for the Reflecting Garden to protect plantings from further deer damage.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes

May 18, 2022

Present: Chris Cheney, Paula Clark, Jessica Cobb (KVCOG), Eric Dyer, Jessica Gorton, Elaine Katz, Greg Leimbach, Matt Nazar, Dennis Price, David Trunnell

Absent: Alanna Bachelder, Jeffrey Carlson, Henry Clauson

Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in person at the Town Office and via Zoom. Introductions were held to welcome new KVCOG representative Jessica Cobb.

MINUTES

Matt moved to approve the minutes; Dave seconded. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee began by assessing where it is at this point. Several members have had trouble accessing the documents on SharePoint and wanted to move to Google Drive. Jessica C. said she has been unable to get Google Drive to work cleanly. Eric asked if Joel could help clarify things, but he is currently out of town and very busy. Jessica G. said she has a lot of experience with Google Drive and offered to help set it up.

The committee further discussed the state of documents, both current and the original plan, and how to organize them most efficiently.

The local economy and demographic data chapters have not yet been reviewed.

Greg asked for a simple statement of the plans for proceeding. Jessica G. said the first step is getting everyone access to Google Drive.

Paula asked Jessica C. if the work that she and Matt did with Charles, and which was supposed to be compiled by KVCOG was done and is available. Jessica said she doesn't know, but will find out. Eric said that once again Joel is probably the best resource, and he said he will reach out to him.

Greg asked what KVCOG's role is in this process. Eric explained that they were brought in to provide data, aid in compiling information and making sure that the town follows the guidelines laid out by the state. Unfortunately, KVCOG lost both its planner and executive director in quick succession, and that

has led to a lot of confusion in our process. Eric said he is on KVCOG's board and that the CPC should expect to pull extra weight for the time being.

The next topic is the survey to determine public opinion about the plan. Eric said he only received a couple of questions from CPC members. He will email what he has so far on the survey to committee members and ask those who have not yet submitted questions to submit them.

Elaine asked about the survey process and the Age Friendly Committee's participation. Eric noted that it would be great to have that committee's input. They meet again June 8. The other chapter leads were asked to turn in their questions within two weeks. This will enable CPC to finalize the survey at its next meeting on June 15.

The survey will be sent out for public review over the summer. Jessica suggested we should have the results in time for the September meeting.

There are three chapters that need to have a first review: Land Use and Future Land Use, Local Economy and Demographics. All of those chapters are data heavy.

David mentioned that there are other chapters that need further review, such as Housing. He also noted that the committee didn't have time to offer input after Eric presented his Transportation chapter. He said that there have been new developments in transportation that the committee should consider. He also talked about the Agriculture chapter and economic development. Lastly, he said he feels we need attend to the vision and mission statement as soon as possible.

Jessica discussed plans for moving forward. She said her goal will be to get everything organized on Google Drive before the next meeting.

Chris expressed his frustration at the disorganization of the committee and said he feels like we are wasting time just talking when we need to be more focused.

Paula asked about our new date of completion goal, which is June 2023.

Greg asked that KVCOG provide updated census data and make it a priority.

Matt said that there is other data we can use since the U.S. Census continues to delay providing its data. American Community Survey provides rolling estimated data based on the Census.

Greg also asked that maps that provide demographic information be supplied as well.

Dave asked what we will be doing at the next meeting. Jess said we will be voting on the survey, working on the mission statement, and reviewing the schedule.

David asked Paula about a report from NRCM regarding clean water and banned chemicals such as pfas. Paula said that she works on the pfas issue daily for the state and that it's not a local issue.

Elaine asked about addressing the issue of arsenic in the water, and the topic was discussed at some length. Water issues should be included in plan, it was decided, but are not something this committee can solve.

NEW BUSINESS

A review of the schedule was postponed. Jessica and Eric and Matt will work on redoing the schedule and present it at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING/ACTION ITEMS

The next meeting will be June 15, at which time a new chapter schedule will be presented (Eric, Jess, Matt).

Members will submit their questions for the survey within two weeks. Elaine will present the Age Friendly Committee's perspective on the survey.

Jessica asked for a motion to adjourn. At 8:17 p.m. David moved to adjourn, Matt seconded. All in favor.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes

June 15, 2022

Present: Paula Clark, Jessica Cobb (KVCOG), Eric Dyer, Jessica Gorton, Joel Greenwood (KVCOG), Elaine Katz, Greg Leimbach, Matt Nazar

Absent: Alanna Bachelder, Jeffrey Carlson, Chris Cheney, Henry Clauson, Dennis Price, David Trunnell

Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in person at the Town Office and via Zoom.

MINUTES

The committee lacked a quorum so the approval of May's minutes is delayed until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Jessica began by asking if everyone has been able to access the Google Drive where all the documents now reside, and everyone said they could. She outlined a plan for organizing with a folder for each section and including the documents for both the 2009 plan and the new one being written.

Joel addressed the committee regarding ongoing issues with KVCOG's staffing shortages, but said that things are starting to fall into place with some new hires. He thanked Jessica C. for being willing to jump right in and focus on Readfield. He thanked the committee for its patience and said he thinks the project's trajectory is positive.

Eric spoke about yesterday's vote on the town warrant and the failure of the broadband and Fairgrounds initiative. He said the Select Board will be reviewing options for moving forward in line with the wishes of the voters.

NEW BUSINESS

Demographics Chapter

The main order of business was a review of the Demographics section, presented by Jessica C. Some of the 2020 U.S. Census results are now available. Elaine asked about the school-age population. That is not included in the Census. It was suggested that the best source of that information is the schools; RSU 38 should be able to supply it.

As for determining which homes are seasonal, Matt suggested looking to see which properties have a Homestead Exemption. Those without are most likely seasonal or second homes as nearly everyone who is eligible for the exemption take it.

Elaine noted that she has been provided with a lot of information from the Age Friendly Committee, including the results of a survey the committee did in 2016 that had a very good response. She said it included a lot of economic data and other information that offers a window on why the vote went the way it did and might provide useful information in guiding the comp plan.

Jessica C. asked where she can find the information to answer a question that needs to be included about how seasonal residents contribute to the town. Eric said the primarily they pay a lot of taxes, don't pull a lot of services and help support the Readfield Family Market, the Weathervane and a few other small businesses.

The committee delved into the data Jessica presented, including Readfield's population for nearly 200 years. She said she had to use a lot of information from the American Community Survey because not all the Census data is available yet.

Readfield's household size has dropped from 3 persons to 2.5. This will increase the demand for housing, especially smaller and one-story homes. Greg expressed concern over development and the "paving over" of places like Florida.

A new law passed by the Legislature allows for additional dwelling units (ADU) on an owned property and limits the town's ability to regulate them. Jessica C. suggested that the town should take the initiative for planning for denser or low-income housing before a developer comes in with a plan and the town has few ways to affect the project.

Jessica C. noted that it's not good for a town to have an aging population with a declining number of children and that the town should look at providing services for those on both ends of the age spectrum.

Regionally, many of the towns around Readfield have lost more population than Readfield, or like it have stayed fairly flat. On the bright side, Readfield is well situated with easy access to Augusta and Winthrop, which now has most of the services many residents need.

Vision Statement

The committee discussed the vision statement and how much detail they want to include in it. It's currently a page-and-a-half, which some feel is too long. Jessica G. suggested that some of the paragraphs could be pulled from the vision statement and used to introduce a specific chapter.

There was discussion about presenting some data in charts and tables rather than descriptive paragraphs. Elaine asked about using parallel language. Greg suggested some redundancy would be helpful in emphasizing important points to readers.

Eric asked Elaine to work on organizing and cleaning up the vision statement for the next meeting. Jessica G. said we will revisit the statement at the next meeting.

Survey

Eric said he has 80 survey questions, many from the Age Friendly Committee, which he said did an exceptional job in providing clear and concise questions. He said ideally we would whittle that down to about 50 questions on one page front and back.

Jessica C. suggested using a QR code (or web link) to direct people from the shorter survey to a longer one online.

Getting the surveys returned can be difficult. Elaine suggested some kind of reward for returning the survey, such as being entered in a raffle.

Elaine and Greg volunteered to work with Jessica C. in compiling the survey. Greg asked if the questions could be put on the Google Drive so they can be edited before the subcommittee meets. Eric will also attend.

The committee discussed distributing the survey at Heritage Days. Eric said face-to-face interactions would be helpful.

Work Flow Chart

The work flow table was presented and discussed. Eric noted that it's essential to stick to the schedule and be on top of things so that the document will be ready to show to the public and be voted on at next year's town meeting. Greg asked how it will be presented. Eric said he would suggest doing it as he does his budget presentation, with a slide show including the vision statement, goals and objectives, and implementation, and a handful of bullets, with the entire document available to anyone who wants to read it.

Matt said the town can vote on the plan before the state approves it, although it is preferable to get state approval first. If issues arise, the town can amend the document and have the town vote on the amendments at the next election.

NEXT MEETING/ACTION ITEMS

The next meeting will be July 20.

Eric is responsible for the next chapter presentation, which will be on Capital Improvements.

Elaine is going to work on refining the Vision Statement.

Elaine and Greg are going to work on the survey with Jessica C.

The chapters on Housing and Historical and Architectural Resources still need to be reviewed.

Jessica C. has two areas to add to the demographics chapter: seasonal residents and school-age children.

Greg volunteered to help Jessica G. with the chapter on local economy by talking to business owners.

At 8:01 Jessica called for a motion to adjourn. Matt so moved; Elaine seconded. All approved.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes

July 20, 2022

Present: Paula Clark, Jessica Cobb (KVCOG), Jeffrey Carlson, Chris Cheney, Eric Dyer, Elaine Katz, Greg Leimbach, Matt Nazar, Dennis Price, David Trunnell

Absent: Alanna Bachelder, Henry Clauson, Jessica Gorton

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in person at the Town Office and via Zoom.

MINUTES

Paula moved to accept minutes from June meeting. Elaine seconded. Unanimous.

Paula moved to approve minutes from May meeting. Chris seconded. Unanimous with Greg abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bob Bittar expressed his interest in the plan and his desire to be involved, read the documents, and assist in any way.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Investment Plan

This was due to be presented by Eric, but he was unable to attend the meeting.

Heritage Days

Eric was also spearheading this project. Dennis filled in by describing plans for having tables at the beach. Many will be staffed by artisans, but he said the committee could certainly bring a table, and he offered to help by keeping an eye on the table from 12 to 2 p.m.

Greg suggested the committee put up a sign with a QR code that would lead people to the survey.

David suggested putting up a white board where people can write down suggestions/what they like about Readfield.

Matt said he was taking notes and would discuss the event plans with Eric.

OLD BUSINESS

Demographics

Jessica Cobb went over the chapter, which was reviewed last month. She made the changes that were suggested. Seasonal population and school enrollment data was missing, and she's added that in, as well as a clarifying graph. Matt asked whether the school provided any projections for future trends. Jessica said the school never got back to her, but she will follow up. Eric said he would help and suggested contacting Superintendent Jay Charette. Greg volunteered to go to the school. Chris suggested also including Kents Hill School.

Vision Statement

The committee discussed the vision statement, as revised by Elaine. Matt asked everyone if they are happy with the vision statement, and they said they are.

Survey

Getting the surveys returned can be difficult. Elaine suggested some kind of reward for returning the survey, such as being entered in a raffle.

Historical and Archeological Resources

The committee reviewed David's work on this chapter. There was a lot of discussion about historic buildings and how they should be presented. Jessica said she has some questions that need to be answered. The decision was made to table them, but to follow up after the Land Use Chapter is completed.

Housing

The committee discussed questions David has on this chapter regarding the costs and the availability of housing and land use questions. David suggested waiting on some of these questions for the Land Use chapter. Jessica expressed some concerns about overlap and the length of the document. David said some of these issues could be addressed in Land Use instead of Housing, not both.

There was considerable discussion about the cost of housing and the need for affordable housing. New teachers and town employees would find themselves priced out in Readfield. Matt noted that the only way to get it built is through tax-increment financing. David urged committee members to visit the Augusta Housing Authority website and view the beautiful units they have built. Jessica said there is program called Land Banking to help pay for upgrading existing housing into multi-unit housing.

Elaine noted that housing for the elderly is not necessarily low-income but needs to accommodate the needs of an older individual.

Matt noted that the scoring for subsidized housing includes proximity to services, which is not a strength for Readfield.

Greg asked if there is a section on energy efficiency.

The committee discussed the feasibility of older residents being able to stay in their homes and the cost of renovating to make the homes accessible. There are programs out there to help finance some projects, but they need to be coordinated. A table showing them could be useful.

Capital Investment Plan

Eric noted that the Select Board has pretty well completed the Capital Investment Plan but that it is on the Google drive if anyone wants to look at it and comment.

Community Survey Discussion

Greg, Elaine and Eric pulled together the survey before the meeting, and the committee reviewed and approved it.

Chapter and Work Plan Review

The committee discussed the work flow chart and the plans for the next meeting. The schedule is very tight.

NEXT MEETING/ACTION ITEMS

The next meeting will be Aug. 17.

After the Land Use chapter is completed in October, Jessica C.'s questions about the Historical and Archaeological section will need to be answered.

Several questions remain in the Housing chapter, which David and Jessica C. will follow up on.

Eric will follow up on getting the survey out at Heritage Days.

At 8:10 p.m. Matt adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow

Approved 08-17-2022

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chair, Pam Mitchell. Meeting was held by Zoom. Present were Pam Mitchell, Brenda Lake, Deb Peale, Maureen Kinder, Pat Clark, Jen Bonnefond, Jackie Drouin, Betty Peterson and Melissa Small, Librarian. Excused was Sonya Clark.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

- COVID Update: Procedures remain the same. If our county is in green, masks are optional, if we are in yellow, masks are highly recommended and if we are in orange masks are required.
- Long Range Planning Committee Update: The committee is working on what has been accomplished and what they would like to see happen in the future.

New Business:

- Board Member and Officers: A new board member opening will be in the July issue of the Messenger. A slate of officers was proposed: Pam Mitchell, Chair, Jen Bonnefond, Vice-Chair, Sonya Clark, Treasurer, and Jackie Drouin, Secretary. We will vote on new officers in July.
- Summer Book Sale: Pam has notified Lee Mank and he said we could use the Fire Station as in the past. Will confirm other assignments in July.
- Summer Reading Program: The theme for the reading program is "Oceans of Possibilities." Kick-off date for registration is Monday, June 20 at 6:00. We will also offer a program for adults. The Chewonki Program, which marks the end of the summer reading program, will be held on August 22.

Librarian's Report:

- Author talks: We have several authors coming in July and August.
- Career Consulting will continue through June and July.
- Saturday, June 4th, we will have our Alpacas Story Walk with a stop at the Alpaca Farm next to the Meeting House. Mr. Johnson will give a short talk about alpacas.
- Library at the Beach: Melissa will setup a table at the beach during the summer with free books and offer new library cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting will be held on July 13 at 6:30 pm.

Readfield Recreation Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2022 - Approved

Attendees: Amy T, Amy C, Hannah F, Matt L, Kevin K, Jeff C - All Attended via zoom

Approved previous meeting minutes

Agenda

- Fairgrounds Discussion:
 - Discussed Readfield Fairgrounds document.
 - Provided to Eric D for review 1/22/22
 - Planning board application, to be completed. **
 - Need to update bullet point 5 from application.
 - Questions to be reviewed with CEO(Chip), to be arranged. **
 - Points 12
 - Review by fire department, to be arranged. **
 - Discussed Readfield Fairgrounds site “walk-about”.
 - Note from the walk about: a suggestion was made to put the basketball court in a level area by baseball right field. -Rec prefers nearer the parking lot for increase visibility for usage.
- ****action item**
- Basketball
 - Get cupcakes and juice boxes for last session of the little kids skills and drills. Pre-k to 2
 - Travis and Karen thank you gift. *Suggestions:* White Duck and/or Readfield Family Market
- Anonymous 500 Donation -
 - Draft a thank you letter for donors and sponsors.
 - Put towards upcoming events:
 - Winter fun day
 - Youth fishing derby
 - Field hockey {starter program}?
- Winter fun day
 - Cups for cocoa
 - Cambro to use for cocoa
 - Need a table , matt to provide
 - Sledding and snowman building
 - Blizzard Busters - to help out
 - Donated 3 24 packs of whoooopie pies
 - Setup a QR Code for Baseball sign-ups
- Youth Ice Fishing Derby
 - Start calling potential sponsors
 - Prizes(1st, 2nd, 3rd and smallest fish)
- Baseball
 - Combine all sign-ups
 - Logistics and also discussed having restrictions regarding how many teams one player can play on
 - Logistics regarding how to pay.
- Everyone to spend an hour making calls for fishing derby prizes

Next meeting 2/28/22

Readfield Recreation Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2022 – Approved

Attendees:

Amy T
Amy C
Hannah Flannery
Matt Lajoie
Kevin Kelliher
Jeff Carlson
Sean Keegan

Approved previous meeting minutes

Agenda

- Youth Fishing Derby
 - Sponsorships - discussed who has provided donations
 - Pickup donated shiners day of (Matt to get)
 - Matt to call Audette
 - Appleshed bakery (kevin to call)
 - Fikes (scales) to call
 - You will like it
 - Weathervane 50 gift card, might open early.
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 - Whiteboard (Jeff)
 - Pop-ups (Sean, Matt)
 - Table (Sean)
 - Sign for readfield rec (checking with Mandy) for future events
 - Hot Chocolate (Saturday 4.2 gallons)(Jeff)
 - Table Coverage
 - (Setup: Sean, Matt, Jeff) 6-8
 - Amy 8-10
 - OG Amy 10-12
 - Kevin 12-3
- Fairgrounds Discussion:
 - Discussed updates to schematics around where everything is laid out. Specifically the basketball court
 - Discussed additional avenues for funding
- Baseball
 - Updating the sign up forms to provide to androgov.
 - Start sign ups
 - ETA for active sign ups 3/5/2022
 - Sponsors reach out. Need to start checking. Sponsoring is 350

Readfield Recreation Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2022 – Approved

Attendees:

Kevin Kelliher
Tom Labrie
Hannah Flannery
Matt Lajoie
Jeff Carlson

Approved previous meeting minutes

Agenda:

- FairGrounds project
 - Discussed new plan and approved the new designed: Fairground Design Project
 - Abutters meeting details 3/31/2022
 - Drop off a note.
 - Team to create email -(completed)
- Harold Alford Foundation Grant Application to obtain grant funding. Currently looking for help to fill out. Hannah to see if there is someone in town to help.
- Easter egg hunt: Do we want to do it? Consensus was yes.
 - Saturday before easter 4/16
 - Eggs are the shed.
 - Need to get candy to fill the eggs
 - Numbers in eggs for prizes in baskets.
 - Easter bunny consume -> May already have a volunteer
 - Flier for promotion
- Basketball concession at weekend tournament- do we have the bandwidth (Sat 8-6, Sun 9-5). Voted no, unfortunately as generous of an offer, we do not have the availability.
- Baseball
 - Sign ups - Still early.
 - Sponsors -
 - Reach out to previous sponsors?
 - Previous sponsors
 - Huang realty was erin dunning
 - Jess fike - brookewood realty
 - Rungi's - united insurance
 - Andrew Poulin - Poulin Tree services
 - Create form to be filled out
 - All Star team - Manchester/Maranacook host a 12u and 10u (June 18)
 - Friday night game is teams that are closest
 - Sign up genius for volunteering
 - Not a huge commitment.
 - Bookie for pitch count
 - Reach out to coaches - {sending note}
- Schedule next rec meeting. April 14 at 6:30
 - New members for Rec committee

Readfield Recreation Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2022 – Approved

Attendees:

Matt Lajoie
Hannah Flannery
Sean Keegan-guest
Amy Therrien
Amy Cunningham
Kevin (On zoom)
Jeff Carlson

Approved previous meeting minutes

Agenda

- Fairgrounds community park and conservation project
 - Create a pamphlet to be handed out and provided.
 - Determine areas of dissemination of pamphlet (school, fairgrounds)
 - Alford grant - still in progress
 - Putting into the advertiser
 - Update documentation to reflect usage of field
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
 - Need Eggs with candy
 - Who will wear the bunny costume.- Lindsey volunteered.
 - Amy T to stuff eggs.
 - Additional logistics regarding start time
- Discussed having concessions for future events if volunteers are available.
- **Baseball**
 - Update: All teams now have coaches.
 - Still waiting on final schedule
 - Discussed sponsorships (two more sponsor)
 - Discussed updating equipment (Baseball bats and cycle out old equipment)
 - Rungi's are looking into swag orders-fundraiser

Next Meeting set-6/16 post vote

Readfield Recreation Meeting Minutes
06-16-2022

Attendees:

Sean Keegan
Hannah Flannery
Greg Leimbach
Amy T
Jeff Carlson
Matt M

Agenda

- Beach - Clean up and care.
- Rec Sponsored movie meetings
 - Motion to fund the summer movie minutes
 - Greg L raised the motion. Jeff C seconded the motion. All current rec members voted in favor.
 - Suggestion for fundraisers were:
 - Provide burgers, hotdogs and other food prior to the movie.
 - Movies to be conducted July, August with September and October.
- Heritage days:
 - Kick Ball tournament
 - Sign ups to be advertised
 - 1-4pm game time
 - Preset teams(set ahead of time) and walk-up sign-ups
 - Lawn Games
- Soccer
 - Logistics
 - Pool kids from all towns and create teams from there. Need to look into it.
 - Soccer commissioner needs to be (Amy and Jeff to sub)
 - QRCode for sign ups.
 - Start advertising soccer sign-ups mid-july
- Fairgrounds community park and conservation project
 - Discussed lessons learned
 - Need an itemized list of costs by a phase of project
 - Discussed methods for fundraising and working with other committees
 - Create list of potential activities: then to be determined how we create.
- Dates for future meetings:
 - July 14
 - August 4

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Minutes **APPROVED**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

5:30 to 6:50PM at the Readfield Town Office and via Zoom

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Committee members: Amy Black, Aaron Chrostowsky, Eric Dyer, Kellie Hess, Karen Peterson, Mark Robinson, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Brent St. Clair

Public: No others present

Accept Minutes from January 12, 2022

- Motion by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum; Second by: Kellie Hess, **Vote: Unanimous**

Special Meeting to discuss input on Budget

Eric provided overview on all aspects, addressed clarification requests. Review of discussion as follows:

Confirmed hire of a three-quarter FTE new maintenance staff position with focus on providing back up and support to the TS. This will result in higher than previously estimated HR costs.

CAPITAL SUMMARY: CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEDULE REVIEW:

As previously discussed, there will be no capital expenditures planned for this year with the current focus on planning and clarifying optimal options for future identified priorities.

Kathryn suggested adapting the Capital Investment Schedule (CIS) to include two additional columns containing the specific installation year as well as the proposed replacement date. Eric clarified that this information was detailed in other locations within budget and agreed to place this information on the CIS.

Aaron discussed having access to what the lease payments are for capital expense items and questioned if installation costs are reflected in the estimates. Eric clarified that these figures are rough costs and serve as a placeholder for future budget discussions.

CUSTOM BUDGET REPORT: EXPENSE TS-23

Personnel – Confirmed hire of a three-quarter FTE new maintenance staff position with focus on providing back up and support to the TS. This will result in higher than previously estimated HR costs. Eric reviewed change in wage classification from full to part time and noted that the \$2.00 /per hour raise for TS employees is budgeted to remain in place to facilitate retention of experienced staff. No disagreement noted.

Insurance costs – Karen/Eric will verify that costs reflected are accurate

Stipends – reflects costs of town Safety Officer whose duties frequently occur in context of TS support

Utilities – small adjustments, discussed the prior need for increase pumping of holding tank due to leak and with this resolved should continue to see a stabilization of costs.

Contract Services – most significant changes in these items. Eric reports expecting Tipping and Hauling costs to increase substantially this year, possibly to 10% increase, planning to issue Hauling RFP.

Kathryn discussed the potential to obtain information related to costs from ecomaine to provide services via burning vs. having waste placed in landfill in attempt to address environmental concerns. Mark provided info. related to these cost comparisons being done in the past, Eric will follow up.

Single Sort Tipping – TS is now being paid again by ecomaine for recycling, prices and demand seem to be stable. Will continue to monitor.

Trash Tipping – revenue increased as well.

Equipment – Tools line-item increase reflects cost of ensuring safety and efficiency for staff by having necessary tools.

Building O&M: Eric noted sizeable increase for maintenance due to plans for electrical work which will improve safety and efficiency including:

Improved lighting for the brush area with utility pole and lighting year-round, estimate \$3,000-\$5,000

Installation of new steel gates for the demolition cans area to meet OSHA requirements, estimate \$4,000 - \$6,000

Run underground power and install utility pole in the white goods area to improve safety by increased lighting.

Run underground power from the main building to the Attendant Booth to increase safety to all.

Public Ways – Crack Sealing planned for this year.

Back Hoe - Budgeted to cover potential expenses as all repairs, parts, maintenance are expensive.

CUSTOM BUDGET REPORT: REVENUE TS-23

Transfer fees: Flat: Discussed:

Noted decrease from demolition and construction revenues related to pandemic effects

Recycling – metal prices increasing

Single Sort Recycling - as noted have had ecomaine revenue for a few months, will monitor

Town Shares - discussed increase in property values based on state property evaluations, noted variability in member towns with Readfield at 43.044%, Wayne @31.669% and Fayette @ 25.286%. responsible % of the total formula.

Old Business:

Kathryn identified plans to move forward with Swap Shop support to reopen with desired date of May 1st. Kellie to help with this effort.

New Business:

Aaron reviewed the document related to three various Bulky Waste models. Discussion included estimated costs, pros and cons of Roadside Trash/Green Up Day, Bulky Waste Item Day and Bulky Waste Punch Care System. Each town manager will work with individual town to implement method to achieve desired goals.

Next Meeting

Wednesday April 13, 2022 at Readfield Town Office 5:30pm

Reminders

Reminder that we meet on the second Wednesday of a month now.

Future Meetings

Next Agenda Items

Wednesday April 13, 2022 at Readfield Town Office

- Composting update
- Electronic Payments update
- Carry over to a future date a discussion on holding composting events and school visit arrangements with Liza Bitterman from ecomaine, due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- Other

Wednesday July 13, 2022 at Readfield Town Office

- Composting update
- Other

Adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Hess

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Minutes APPROVED

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

5:30 PM at the Readfield Town Office and via Zoom

Roll call and determination of quorum – Members present: Kellie Hess, Eric Dyer, Kim King, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Bob Weimont, Al Parks, Amy Black, Aaron Chrostowsky, Karen Peterson Public: Mark King

Review and Acceptance of January 12, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept by Kellie Hess; Second by Kathryn Mills Woodsum. **Vote to Accept: Unanimous**

Composting Update: Discussion with Mark King -

Mark visited the Transfer Station on April 12 to review the ongoing food composting effort and traffic flow. The segregation of food/manure from leaf debris is good. Mark suggested that the free compost offering be located near the fridges to separate that activity from the food compost drop-off area. He noted a lot of the lobster trap home compost bins remain and encouraged the Committee to engage residents again to keep interest high. Perhaps assemble some of the bins and have them available for residents to take home, using some educational signage:

If you want to compost at home – this bin is for you

If you want to compost at home in the summer and use the Transfer Station compost bin in the winter – this bin is for you

If you want to haul your food compost to the Transfer Station year-round – this bin is not for you

This would emphasize that food composting can be comprised of both efforts and get the bins out into the communities and in use.

Discussed using some grant funds to engage the Maranacook HS Green Team to host a table at the Annual Plant Sale at Starling Hall in Fayette on May 28 to educate Fayette, Readfield, Wayne residents in attendance of the Food Composting Program and have a mix of assembled and flat lobster trap bins there for residents of the 3 communities to take home.

Wayne Friends of the Library are also having a plant and bake on May 28; possibly have some bins available there?

General Operations: Eric and Karen discussed highlights of the Third Quarter Operational and Financial Update memo provided by Eric on April 13, which include:

- Repairs to the building housing the rest room and break room to accommodate space for the re-opening of the Swap Shop. Break room relocated to MSW compactor office (needs new air conditioner unit; current one cannot keep space comfortable in the summer; possibly heat pump?)
- Repair to concrete curbing in front of bins and hoppers. New gates at demo and MSW bins. Signs to "See Attendant for Assistance" will be added and it was suggested that the gates have a chain lock so public cannot open; must see attendant with key.
- Installation of low-flow toilet to reduce amount of wastewater flowing to closed-system septic
- Internet service now connected at Transfer Station. Electronic payment system is fully operational, and no complaints have been received
- Tipping/Hauling RFP to be issued in anticipation of 6/30/22 expiration of current contract
- All Covid-19 restrictions lifted

- Just completed a full year of no employee injuries!

Finances:

- Revenues ahead of budget estimates (88%); metal performing well
- Expenses just under 75% target
- MSW projected to be slightly over budget at fiscal year end

Public Comment: No members of the public present

Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Sunday, July 10 8-12

i. Plan to invite Fayette & Mt. Vernon this year

ii. Vendor will complete forms as residents drop off material

The Swap Shop is scheduled to reopen May 1.

New business: No new business as time was short

Annual Report - Kathryn emailed the 2021 report to members highlighting accomplishments

Next Meetings - Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Readfield Town Office, 5:30 pm

1. Composting update

2. Electronic Payments update

3. Carry over to a future date a discussion on holding composting events and school visit arrangements with Liza Bitterman from ecomaine, due to Covid-19 pandemic.

4. Other

Wednesday October 12, 2022 at Readfield Town Office, 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Respectfully submitted: Kim King

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

May 25, 2022 - Approved

Present: Nancy Buker, Jackie Drouin, Greg Durgin, Steve Hayes, Megan Lachapelle, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow

Excused: Paul Bessette, Henry Whittemore

Rob opened meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Greg L. agreed to be timekeeper

Nancy moved the minutes be approved; Greg D. seconded; approved unanimously.

Jackie presented the treasurer's report. We had expenses for gravel, sand, etc., for trail work. In April we received \$50 and \$1,000 donations leaving us with a total of \$842.54.

Rob updated the committee on the Fairgrounds project. They've asked for someone from Trails to attend a meeting on June 2. Several people plan on going. As Trails has not made a statement re the project, Greg D. noted that speakers should be sure to note that whatever they say is their own opinion and not that of the committee. The topic was discussed at length, but again, no formal Trails opinion was established.

Rob asked for suggestions re Fairgrounds trails projects. There is still some blue stone left in case anyone wants to initiate a project. Greg D. noted that there are always bare spots. There is a culvert that was dislodged by frost and ice. Greg L. said that once it's drier he can take his tractor over to deal with it.

Steve said he spoke to owners of the property that abuts the Maranacook School and has several trails. The owners said that while they are happy with current usage, both summer and winter, they have no interest in formally establishing a Trails agreement.

Rob said that there is still no word from Brian regarding the posts needed for a kiosk. Committee members discussed building the kiosk and installing it ourselves.

Stewards reported on their trails.

Rob said Esker Trail looks good.

Greg D. noted that he has been honoring No Mow May but will see to that at the Fairgrounds soon. He said we could use some wood chips at Mill Stream, and we discussed how to get some, perhaps from the Transfer Station.

Greg L. said the Morrill Road Trail is getting lots of use, especially bikers. He said he might take a weed whacker over there later.

Jackie said she walked the Fogg Farm recently, and it's in good shape.

Nancy presented her report on the state of the kiosks. She complimented the painting job from last summer and said the paint is holding up quite well. Her report will be attached to this month's minutes. Nancy found \$2 in one of the kiosks that goes to Kennebec Land Trust and will send it to them.

Nancy moved that the committee pay for some cork board to put in the back of the kiosk at Maranacook School so items can be attached properly instead of duct taped. Greg L. seconded. All agreed.

Nancy passed out a some information from National Water Trails, which is trying to connect waterways nationwide. We discussed adding some landing options to our map so that people can get to trails from the water. We agreed to look at including these options with our next map update.

Rob asked if anyone has any projects in mind for Heritage Days. Greg L. said that it might be too hot for runs/walks in August, but he is still working on some event along those lines, possibly for fall.

Megan suggested Fairy Houses as a project to further engage children. The committee discussed possible locations. The committee agreed it was a good idea but noted she needs to get permission from the Conservation Commission, which oversees the Fairgrounds.

National Trails Day is June 4, which is a bit close for us to plan anything. Previous events have not reaped a lot of response, so we decided to pass. Heritage Days might be a better option.

We talked about litter on the trails and the need to encourage courtesy and respect for others and the wilderness. Steve said he regularly picks up trash at the north end of the Fairgrounds, and Greg D. said he often picks up litter at the Fairgrounds as well. We discussed options for discouraging littering and loitering. Greg L. suggested asking local law enforcement officials to regularly patrol. Steve suggested a sign noting game camera is in use might discourage parking there after hours.

Greg D. moved we adjourn, Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow