



*The Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee is working to make our city inviting, exciting, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities. All are welcome here.*

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Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019 9:00 – 10:00AM Hallowell Fire Department Training Room

**NOTE – Next meeting of the All Age-Friendly Committee will be Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00AM in the Hallowell Fire Department Training Room Coos Lane Hallowell.**

Attending: Michael Frett, Lyn Gray, Bob McIntire, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Patrick Wynne

1. Minutes to the November 13, 2019 meeting were approved by consensus.
2. Addition to the Agenda – Patrick noted HallDale Elementary School Declaration of Independence Day on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The parent organization is interesting in having people come and read to the students. Contact Patrick [ward5@hallowellmaine.org](mailto:ward5@hallowellmaine.org) for more information.
3. Reports on Events – Age-Friendly 2:00PM Zoom conference with Patricia Oh Update – Bob talked with Patricia about Age-Friendly plan. The thought is that Hallowell's plan will be about eight pages. The domains of Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, and Civic Participation and Employment might be addressed together. Note - Patrician Oh kindly contributed a \$25 Amazon gift card to the Hallowell Age-Friend Committee in recognition for our work. Thanks!
4. Newsletter Update  
Comments on first issue were positive. Time to think about the Spring Issue 2020 for months of February, March, April, May 2020. The copy deadline is January 11, 2020 with publication Wednesday, January 29, 2020. We reviewed the list of articles. Barbara will work on the Hubbard article. Bob talked to Annemarie about having a specific resource/book area for Age-Friendly related information and publications. AARP has donated several books that could be mentioned in a newsletter article. John is working at the Food Bank and will work on a story.

Note: Maggie, not at the meeting, suggested a story on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and the Hallowell Green Team.

5. Partner Agreements – The committee needs to contact potential partners to learn about the potential for volunteer opportunities.

The Partner forms can be used to gather information about organizations. Diane provided a list of Hallowell churches and contacts. Lyn will contact the Old South Church. John will follow up with Sacred Heart. Patrick will contact the Granite Hill Church. Bob will call Nancy Bishoff at Cox Memorial.

Other potential Partners and contact person:

Hallowell Food Bank - John

Hubbard - Bob/Barbara

Hillside Terrace - Lyn

Woodlands - Barbara

Cotton Mill Apartments – Bob

Firefighters Association – Bob

6. Age-Friendly Plan – Requirements Review and Domain discussion  
Additions or revisions to each of the eight domains of livability action plan

Housing – John is on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Ordinance Rewrite Committee and can make sure that the Age-Friendly perspective is considered and included in the plan development and ordinance review process.  
Respect and Social Inclusion - Maggie and Lyn  
Community Support and Services – Spectrum Generations

Mike feels that we should focus attention on sidewalks, specifically those areas like North Second Street to connect the city to Augusta. Bob talked maybe about using a narrowing strategy for the west side of Greenville Street after the sidewalk runs out. Maybe some balustrades such as suggested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and painted stripes on the side of the road could help create a safer walking space.

Mike also talked about creating low-grade exercise stations perhaps around Vaughan Field or else where in the City. He feels it is important that our plans focus on the whole city, not just downtown.

Transportation – Patrick wondered about contacting the new owners of Granite Hill and KVCAP about the opportunity for some local transportation loops into the outlying areas.

Cindy Sullivan, from the Cohen Center, couldn't be at the meeting but has a request. She is involved in a group that asked if we could gather some written stories on how lack of available transportation has affected them. If anybody has any ideas they would like to share they can contact Cindy at:

Spectrum Generations – Cohen Center

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John noted that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will be meeting tomorrow (December 19<sup>th</sup>) and the committee is looking for input. The committee discussed how the Age-Friendly ideals should not be an add-on to the comprehensive plan, but woven into the document throughout.

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