



*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 - **DRAFT**

January 8, 2019 9:00 – 10:00AM Hallowell Fire Department Training Room

**NOTE – Next meeting of the All Age-Friendly Committee will be Wednesday, February 12, 2019 at 9:00AM. Location to be announced.**

Attending: John Bastey, Lyn Gray, Bob McIntire, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Cindy Sullivan, Maggie Warren

1. Minutes to December 18, 2019 meeting were approved by consensus.
2. Newsletter Update – The members reviewed the contents for the Spring Issue 2020 - February, March, April, May. Stories are slowly coming in. Publication target is Wednesday, January 29, 2020, but may be a few days later. Additional Publishing Partners have been approached including the City of Hallowell to allow publishing more content about the Bicentennial Celebration and the comprehensive planning process.

Note – The Mayor and City Manager agreed to expand publishing by adding four more pages.

3. Community Partnerships and Agreements – Cindy has emailed Nancy Bishoff regarding Cox Memorial Church. John is working the St. Mary's. Bob will contact the Superintendent of RSU2 to explore partnership. John thought that it would be good to get a representative from the high school. Bob will contact Lee Morrill to see if we can have our next committee meeting at The Cotton Mill.
4. City Comprehensive Plan Update – John reported that the City Council will consider a contract with a consultant to help guide the planning at its upcoming meeting. The consultant, Jeff Levine will be providing information for The Champion. The next meeting is February 27, 2020.
5. Age-Friendly Plan – The group talked about getting together before our next regular meeting to work on plan components. Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> seemed to be the best date for folks in attendance. Location to be announced. Bob will contact Amir to check his schedule.
6. The Hallowell All Age-Friendly Committee is now a stand-alone committee of the City.

7. The Role of the Committee – Maggie asked if the committee was going to take a position on topics for example sidewalk maintenance on the Academy Street. The group discussed its role and the consensus was that at this point we are serving in an advisory role providing direction to the City Manager, Mayor and Council. Maggie said that she intends to bring the topic up at the next Highway Committee meeting because she feels that poor maintenance and snow removal of the sidewalk from the entrance of the Cotton Mill to Water Street is a serious problem and does not fit with the All-Age-Friendly goal of our fair city.