



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

June 10, 2020 10:00-11:10 am via Zoom video conferencing

Attending: John Bastey, Dawn Cerullo, Michael Frett, Lyn Gray, Bob McIntire, Cindy Sullivan, Maggie Warren and Karen Tucker

Agenda Items

1. Additions to the Agenda - Maggie Warren is encouraging people to volunteer to help businesses in Hallowell. She is volunteering to help Traverse Coffee at the Farmers Market and giving Lynn Irish at Whippersnappers a hand.
2. Minutes to the May 13, 2020 meeting were approved by consensus.
3. Reports on upcoming events – The Hallowell Granite Symposium is going forward. It is a joint project of the city of Hallowell's Arts and Cultural Committee, Vision Hallowell and the Maine Stone Workers Guild that will bring the art of stone carving back to Hallowell to educate and engage our citizenry, and reintroduce granite sculpture to our public spaces as permanent public art that reflects back on Hallowell's history for current and future generations. Six sculptors were selected by the Maine Stone Workers Guild. Other key partners include Stevens Commons, Historic Hallowell Committee, and the Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead.

UPDATE – The Symposium was postponed during a Hallowell Art Committee meeting later in June. The plan is to continue working on educational components and reschedule the actual symposium for September 2021.

Dawn said that Granite Hill residents have begun to have small group activities again with appropriate distancing. There have been exercise classes in the halls with some residents participating through video calls.

Training activities at the Cohen are online and through video conferencing.

4. Newsletter – The Committee decided to produce a summer issue of The Champion. Bob will contact the Publishing Partners and begin to solicit newsletter copy from the City and other committees and commissions. Publication – After the 4th of July.

Stories – (added after meeting)

New Normal – Mark Walker – other City info Community Housing of Maine – Central Commons Welcomes Residents

UMA – Erskine Update

Harlow Gallery - KVAA
Spectrum Generations
Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead
Hallowell Area Board of Trade
Row House – Historic Building Survey
Conservation Commission – Crane Plantings
COVID Corner – Basic info
Bicentennial Committee – Virtual PreParty Party!
Hubbard Library – Reopening mid-July
Food Bank UpDate
Community Planning Progress
Back Page – More Music! Supply Belcher

5. City Comprehensive Plan report – John notes that the draft plan components are now on the City website. Next meeting June 18 at 6PM. Anyone who wants can join the videoconference. John also said the Vision Hallowell created a COVID info poster that was distributed to businesses around town.
6. Heart and Soul Hallowell report – Karen Tucker said that there is training coming up for people interested in learning about Phase 2 of the planning process. Community input is vital to the success of the process. One step is interviews of people about what they feel is so great about Hallowell. People need to be involved in the formulation of the questions to be asked as well. Karen met with Jeff Levine, Nate Rudy and others regarding coordination of Heart and Soul and Comprehensive Planning. There is training planned for Phase Two of the program.
5. Age-Friendly Plan – Two sections of the Age-Friendly Plan remain to be submitted to the City Council. The Committee briefly reviewed the sections and added a few comments.

- Respect and Social Inclusion and Civic Participation and Employment

Karen mentioned that some towns have “Thumbs Up – Thumbs Down” signs for windows that indicate whether people are ok or need help.

Maggie’s volunteering suggestion fits in civic participation.

- Community Support and Health Services

Mike said that the City is looking at new structures and way to provide support services. He thought some regular senior recognition might be considered.

Cindy said that Spectrum Generations continues to provide training like Medicare 101 using virtual platforms.