



Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee
Notes to Meeting June 13, 2018
9:00 – 10:00AM City Council Chambers

Next Meeting July 11, 2018 9:30AM-11:00AM

Attending: Mike Frett, Sara Grant, Lyn Gray, Stephanie Hanner, Bob McIntire, and Mary Ann Zagaria.

No changes to the notes of May 2, 2018 meeting.

Bob shared an email from Maggie Warren who could not attend today's meeting. A copy is attached. Maggie is "juiced" for displaying the bicycle-powered blender. We'll have the Bethel Adaptive TOOLS For Everyday Living display spotlighting tools to make people safer in their homes and make it easier to do household tasks. WE can begin collecting informational material to distribute from AARP Maine.

Review City Council Request – The City Council Finance Committee turned down our requested to help with the promotion of the October Falls and Fire Prevention workshop. We will begin exploring other options for support. Mary Ann stressed that our work should be recognized not only as providing important information about safety and security but should also be seen as a positive marketing and communication message about the value of Hallowell as a welcoming city on many levels. The promotional power of our message is most valuable and should be supported.

Spectrum Generations Healthy Aging Expo Report – Check Maggie's notes. Mary Ann said she gathered a wealth of information.

Recruiting New Committee Members – With Laurie Bourgeois departure from the committee Maggie suggested that we invite Bill Byrnes, the new President of the Cotton Mill Tenants Association. Sara thought that Lee Morrill, the activities director there, might have a more comprehensive view of needs. Bob will check with Lynda Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator at the Cohen Center for Lee's contact information and correct title. Mike Frett will determine how Laurie's replacement will be appointed. We couldn't quite recall the recruitment process.

Age-Friendly Stickers – Sara said that AARP Maine is willing to produce 100 round stickers for us. We could have a black and white version or choose one of the colors suggested by Bryan Ayotte. Copies of the art work are attached. Any suggestions?

Age-Friendly Fraud Workshop – Listening Session Evaluation Review – We briefly reviewed Sara's analysis of the listening session evaluations and flip charts.

One of the top topics of discussion was transportation. The committee would like to invite Jim Wood, the Transportation Development Director of KVCAP, to our next meeting on July 11th. Bob will check with Nate Ruddy to see if there have been previous discussions with KVCAP or other municipalities that we should be aware of before inviting Jim. Nate said that he met with Jim recently to discuss expanding their bus route to 5 days to help Mastway with point scoring for Community Housing of Maine, as that was one of several factors that worked against them on their last Maine State Housing Authority Grant Proposal.

Housing is, of course, another key topic. The committee discussed the proposed development at Stevens Commons. An excerpt for an online Kennebec Journal article in February provides some background is attached. Bob emailed Bree LaCasse, the project manager. She provided a short update.

“We are currently waiting for MaineHousing to release the application for its next low-income housing tax credit financing round. I was told it would be this week. We were also told it would be a senior specific funding cycle - which should help Central Common's chances of getting funding. The previous application in 2016 had a scoring criteria around age friendliness. I understand your committee has done quite a bit of work over the past year to make Hallowell a more age friendly community, which should also position us well for the application. I will have more information to share with you once the application is out. I promise to keep you posted!”

Action Plan Next Steps - Age-Friendly Asset Inventory – The committee members discussed next steps in the action planning process. Sara will email copies of the planning template, the Network of Age – Friendly Communities Guide to Planning along with a copy of Augusta’s plan and links to all the plans that have been submitted and accepted. She suggested that we look at Bowdoinham’s plan. Sara reminded us that the work we have done to date will be part of the action plan. See page 96 in The Maine Guide.

The committee agreed to meet on July 11th beginning at 9:30AM and plan on working until 11:00. We’ll look at our survey results and Sara’s evaluation of the listening session to give direction to our thinking.