



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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Agenda Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee Meeting
February 27, 2019 9:05-10:10 AM Hallowell Fire Station Coos Lane

Bob McIntire: *on vacation*

Attending: Mary Ann Zagaria (facilitator in Bob's absence), Maggie Warren, John Bastey, Cindy Sullivan, Diane Polky

Guests/Partners:

Dawn Gordon, Life Enrichment Program Manager, Granite Hill Estates

Charlie Kelly, resident, Granite Hill Estates

1. Additions to the Agenda- none.
2. Notes to January 16, 2019 meeting approved by consensus

Old Business/Recent Action

3. Transportation Roundtable – As per Bob, a request was sent to Pam Chenea – Wayne; call to Irene Goff – Mt. Vernon Neighbors Driving Neighbors (note article). Bob also contacted Jim Wood at KVCAP who will attend and also contacted Dawn Gordon – Granite Hill Estates. John – Discussions with towns and taxis.

A) Bob has an appointment scheduled with Jennifer Crittenden, MSW, re: Maine Community Foundation Mini-Grant review committee and will report on it upon his return.

B) John noted the pending prospect to hold a transportation forum between Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner was mentioned.

C) Cindy and Maggie spoke of the need for a designated individual at each central location (e.g., "Friends of Cohen Center")

4. Hallowell Helpers – Jamie Houghton (Vision Hallowell) forwarded the brochure from Saco Handy Neighbors Program (copy attached) and wondered if anything like this was active in Hallowell. Possible Partners – Masonic Lodge, note sent to Adam Fisher. Legion members?

5. Partners Progress- Identify Partners

American Legion – On 2/11/19 at 6 PM, John and Mary Ann attended a meeting to broach the Partnership opportunity concept with Maureen Malley (Department of Maine

Service Officer, The American Legion Family) and Legion members from Hallowell and surrounding environs. These individuals are also amenable to a Partnership discussion and potential opportunities to collaborate with the Boy Scouts of Hallowell, all to benefit the groups involved and the HAFC initiatives moving forward.

Boy Scouts - Mary Ann has been in touch with Glen Glidden, leader in Hallowell, who has invited her to attend an upcoming meeting and discuss Partnership opportunities.

Girl Scout troop in Farmingdale was suggested as another potential Partnership opportunity.

6. Fix-It Café Follow Up – Maggie gave an update: indicating Fern Sterns involvement and the need to develop more specific “boundaries” or specific guidelines for the concept to move forward. Possible incorporation of this potential service offering at the Hallowell Farmers’ Market this spring was discussed.

7. Maggie’s Farmers’ Market (FM) Proposal –

- A) Upcoming season confirmed by Diane: Saturdays in May-October from 9AM -2PM.
- B) Maggie outlined John’s email re: Salt Lake City’s FM experience
- C) Maggie indicated the need to coordinate the opportunity for non-profits & resource groups/organizations to have a venue (e.g., “set up a tent”) on a rotating basis to provide exposure/awareness of their services/opportunities to citizens, students residing at the Stephens Commons, families, etc. as they visit the FM each week.
- D) Maggie volunteered to be the liaison between the FM and the town of Hallowell; she noted that Ben Marcus is on board with developing these initiatives to expand the community offerings at the FM.
- E) The idea to provide picnic tables for green at the Stephens Common - to encourage visitors to the FM to stay a while, have food and beverages while they are visiting, rest, engage with others, including intergenerational interaction between adults, seniors, students, and young families – was discussed. Maggie indicated that Matt Morrill has agreed to provide this amenity.

8. Age-Friendly Plan – Requirements Review and Domain discussion **20:00**
Partner Agreements

Diane underscored the importance of getting the HAFC Action Plan formalized so that the city of Hallowell may benefit from the support and resources available through AARP.

Additions or revisions to each of the eight domains of livability action plan

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings – Mike and Bob – Walkability Survey
- Transportation – Bob and MaryAnn – Roundtable

Dawn Gordon (Granite Hill Estates/165 residents) provides weekly shopping trips and customized transportation to meet the needs of residents. The Jewett Hall concerts were also mentioned as a venue for social engagement that requires transportation coordination.

John noted the pending prospect of a transportation forum. He also updated us on his research regarding transportation & taxis. He indicated that while taxis (e.g., Uber) appear to be a costly alternative for residents traveling to local venues, coordination of volunteer drivers may still be the way to go with the following caveats:

- Develop a “Coordinator” at the Cotton Mill to coordinate volunteer drivers in residence with residents in need of rides.
- Contact Readfield re: their dispatch system and add a “Hallowell Coordinator” so that we can piggyback on their volunteer transportation system, if possible.

Cindy also recommended learning about the FISH volunteer transportation system in Boothbay.

- Housing - Maggie and Lyn
- Social Participation - Maggie and Lyn

Diane has suggested Granit Hill Estate residents may be interested in attending the upcoming Row House presentations at City Hall scheduled for Sat/Sun in April/May; Dawn Gordon is amenable and can provide transportation via van for her residents to these events.

John suggested planning ahead to July so that tables are made available at the Old Hallowell Day Food Court area in Granite City Park for the HAFC to engage with the community. Members concurred.

- Respect and Social Inclusion - Maggie and Lyn
- Civic Participation and Employment – Committee

John suggested the HAFC become more active at the statehouse; AARP holds regularly organized sessions. As noted above, Diane underscored the importance of getting the HAFC Action Plan formalized so that the city of Hallowell may benefit from the support and resources available through AARP.

- Communication and Information – Maggie and Lyn
- Community Support and Services – Spectrum Generations