



*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 March 13, 2019 9:00 – 10:00AM Hallowell Fire Station Coos Lane

Next meeting April 10, 2019 9:00AM – 10:00AM Hallowell Fire Station Coos Lane

Attending: Lyn Gray, Jamie Houghton, Lynn Kidd, Bob McIntire, Diane Polky, Mary Ann Zagaria

1. Additions to the Agenda None
2. Approves Notes to February 27, 2019 meeting by consensus.

#### Old Business/Recent Action

3. Transportation Roundtable – Discussion about the need for a roundtable. Rescheduled to Tuesday April 23, 2019 from 10AM – 12:00PM. Cindy will confirm the availability of the Cohen Center for that date.

Lynn Kidd, the Program Coordinator from SEARCH, a program of Catholic Charities, joined us to discuss the services provided, specifically transportation. She is working with Wayne to help in providing volunteer transportation services. Lynn interviews possible volunteer drivers and users. Catholic Charities conducts background checks then schedules drivers and riders. She provided copies of the SEARCH Services brochure and will forward copies of the volunteer applications and other documentation for our review. Other services include visits, telephone reassurance, helping with home projects, assistance with correspondence and referrals to other services and program when needed. Committee members were very interested in the SEARCH program. A real plus is regional coordination that cross municipal boundaries when needed.

Lynn conducts a volunteer orientation session and meets with customers and volunteers to ensure a good match. Presently Lynn works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> she will be full time and include the RSVP service in her portfolio. Lynn distributed service brochures and will be happy to attend the transportation roundtable. Note -Lynn provided copies of the volunteer application, background check forms, volunteer letter and other information which will be posted on the [Hallowell Age-Friendly web page](#). Here is the link to the SEARCH website as well. <https://www.ccmaine.org/search-program-elderly-services>

4. Partners – Mary Ann said that she had a wonderful meeting with the Boy Scouts last Thursday (3/7). She said the boys were particularly interested in the Fix-It Café idea and the farmer’s market idea. They are also interested in communications opportunities as they are always interested in growing their organization.

5. Newsletter grant – Jamie Houghton from the Vision Hallowell Committee (VHC) joined us. The Maine Community Foundation awarded VHC a grant along with the Age-Friendly Committee to design and distribute a community newsletter. Diane had copies of a letter from the Foundation noting that the award was for \$1200 rather than the \$2400 we requested. The Committee and VHC will have to consider if and how we can produce the newsletter with reduced funding. We will have to recruit Publishing Partners to aid in writing and funding production and distribution of the newsletter.

6. Maggie's Farmers' Market Proposal – AARP Challenge Grant was recently released. Maggie was not able to attend the meeting. Jamie and Maggie will meet to see if VHC and the A-FC can collaborate on another grant proposal. Jamie said that VHC is interested in proposing the funding of benches for downtown along with sun shades and recycling containers.

Bob noted that John Basteley shared information about a Community Giving program being offered by Summit Gas. Maggie and Jamie can review this proposal as well. Do others have ideas for grant proposals?

7. Trek Across Maine Intro – Maggie will be meeting with the Bicycle Coalition to learn the particular details about the route and timing.

8. Kennebec Paddle – Sammee Quong who coordinates many AARP activities in Augusta is proposing a Kennebec River Paddle with a rain date of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bob will distribute Sammee's March 8<sup>th</sup> email. She is asking for ideas about how communities can participate. She notes Hallowell has great restaurants that might want to connect with the project. Bob noted that the Hallowell Fire Department has a rescue boat.

9. Age-Friendly Plan – Requirements Review and Domain discussion  
Additions or revisions to each of the eight domains of livability action plan. No Action  
Diane noted that the committee

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings – Mike and Bob – Walkability Survey
- Transportation – Bob and MaryAnn – Roundtable
- Housing – Committee
- Social Participation - Maggie and Lyn
- Respect and Social Inclusion - Maggie and Lyn
- Civic Participation and Employment – Committee
- Communication and Information – Maggie and Lyn
- Community Support and Services – Spectrum Generations

10. Meeting Reflection. We were out the door quick. We'll reflect next time. Promise!