



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
February 12, 2019 10:00 AM – 11:00AM Cotton Mill Community Room
Academy Street

Attending: John Basty, Stephanie Hanner, Jackie Martin, Bob McIntire, Diane Polky, Maggie Warren.

From Cotton Mill Apartments: Lee Morrill – Resident Service Coordinator
Residents: Ruth Augmar, Debra Black, Hurley Black, Bill Byrne, Nancy Blethon, Joanne Chateaumert, Elaine Nichols, Gloria Pratt, Dawn Reardon, Roxanne Reed, Armando Ribeiro, Madeleine Kimball.

1. Additions to the Agenda Transportation and Heart and Soul
2. Notes to January 8, 2019 meeting. Approved by consensus
3. Reports on recent events – Heart and Soul meeting – John and Diane attended the Heart and Soul meeting yesterday evening at the Hubbard Library. This was the second meeting moderated by Jane LeFleur. Diane said she was encouraged by the new faces she saw participating. This is a two-year long planning process that begins with interviewing people around town about what makes Hallowell special. Eventually there will have to be paid coordinator or committed volunteer or two guiding the effort. John noted that Karen Tucker will come to the next Vision Hallowell meeting to explain the effort. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd.
The group

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/>

4. Newsletter Update – Maggie and Bob have been working with Brian Ayotte to complete the Spring issue of *The Champion*. It will be out this week. Maggie brought a copy of the newsletter produced by folks in Whitefield. It is published once a month. She will get more information about how it is produced. Community Partnerships and Agreements - Lee said that she wanted to commend the City, especially Diane, for the support of Cotton Mill residents. There is a real effort to make sure residents get the chance to vote and participate in other civic activities. She also noted that there has been greater efforts to keep the sidewalk and Rail Trail cleared which is appreciated.

Several residents of the Cotton Mill joined the meeting.

Jackie mentioned that the current placement of the cross walk now requires crossing both Academy and Water Streets whereas in the past pedestrians just crossed Water Street. She said the drivers have a hard time seeing pedestrians and they have a hard time seeing cars.

Some residents noted that there is the occasional driver headed the wrong way down Academy Street.

Armando wondered if additional bus service would be possible on Saturday.

Lee said that parking for Cotton Mill residents is getting to be an issue. There are fewer spaces than there are apartments. She also noted that there is an ongoing need for volunteers for the Catholic Charities SEARCH program.

5. City Comprehensive Plan The next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Group is Thursday, February 27th and will focus on involve discussion of a draft Existing Land Use section of the Plan, among possibly other things.
6. Age-Friendly Plan – Bob distributed discussion points for Transportation and Outdoor Spaces and Building. The plan is to present these two sections of the Plan to the City Council at the next meeting. There were two recommendations that resulted from the Walkability survey; the Highway Committee be renamed as the Transportation Committee to reflect its broader mission and that a roundtable be held with the City Manager and Director of Public Works to discuss projects for the upcoming construction season.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.