

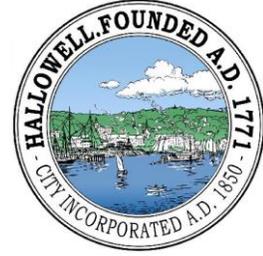


The Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee is working to make our city inviting, exciting, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities. All are welcome here.

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Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019 9:00 – 10:00AM Hallowell Fire Station Coos Lane

Next Meeting August 14, 2019 Hallowell Fire Station Coos Lane

Attending: John Bastey, Mike Frett, Lyn Gray, Stephanie Hanner, Jamie Houghton, Bob McIntire, Sammee Quong, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Cindy Sullivan, Maggie Warren, Patrick Wynne, Mary Ann Zagaria

Items

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mary Ann Zagaria announced she was leaving the committee, and this would be her last meeting. She appreciated the opportunity to get to know committee members. The consensus of the committee is that she will be sorely missed.

Cindy Sullivan introduced the *Comfortably Home* program being offered by the Maine State Housing Authority. She said Nancy Hale, the Augusta Housing program director, is willing to meet with the committee and explain the program. Bob will contact Nancy and extend an invitation to attend our September 11th meeting. The program concept, modeled after Bath Housing's *Comfortably Home* program, was originally established in 2015 and based on the evidenced based CAPABLE program from Johns Hopkins University. The Community Aging in Place Grant Program offers no-cost home safety checks, minor maintenance repairs, and accessibility modifications to eligible low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. These services enable recipients to continue living safely and comfortably at home.

2. Notes to June 12, 2019 meeting were approved by consensus.

3. Kennebec Paddle Update – Sammee Quong reported that she has been working to engage the Augusta Downtown Alliance and contact representatives in Gardiner.

The float begins in Mill Park. Volunteers are needed to direct participants to the launch area on Canal Street. Registration and information tables will be set up by the launch ramp. Small first aid kits will be provided at the start and ribbons for each participant.

Boaters will be able to take out at the Hallowell boat launch. She has a banner and pole for the ramp and docks. Water will be available and take out shuttle rides back to Augusta.

The Gardiner take out ramp is at the south end of the bulkhead. She is working with three car dealerships to provide shuttle rides back to the start, Volunteers would be helpful here as well.

Jamies noted that the Vision Hallowell board meets this evening and she will put out the call for volunteers. A PDF copy of the poster will go out with the meeting notes.

4. Old Hallowell Day Plan – Maggie will send out an email to recruit volunteers to help at the committee booth. Maggie will provide her bike blender. A tent available. Materials have been requested. Maggie will also ride in the parade and has moved up to 9th place! A Hallowell All Age-Friendly banner is available to accompany her if a couple of marchers can be recruited as well.

Adaptive Tool Kit Display is available for display. Mary Ann contacted Gosline's Hardware. The manager is eager to order any of the items in the display catalog. Gosline's provided business cards that can be handed out.

5. Newsletter Update - The graphic design process is beginning. The Publishing Partners will be invited to gather for an initial production session. Bree LaCasse is the project manager for the Community Housing of Maine. She will be on site Wednesday mornings. Perhaps she could make a brief presentation during our next meeting.

Committee members suggested some articles for the inaugural issue. Maggie thought an article on Andrea Darok, the interior designed for Stevens Commons would be interesting. Mike Frett offered anecdotal notes on his reflections of his early morning walks to the Y. Jamie drew attention to Maine bicentennial this year. Patrick said that 2019 is the one hundredth anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution allowing women the right to vote. Others are encouraged to make suggestions. Gerry Mahoney from Row House wrote an article, about early Hallowell newspapers and publications. Maggie offered an article about the organizations like Vision Hallowell that have been gathering or sharing information during the Farmer's Market. John said he and Deb Fahy talked to people about Vision Hallowell and ask their opinions. He said it was a lot of fun and generated good information.

6. Farmers' Market – Several individuals and organizations have set up information tables at the Hallowell Farmers Market. The Committee is considering setting up a table on August 10th or 17th. Committee members are asked to contact Maggie if they have a preference for one date over the other and are willing to sign up for time slot at the table from 9AM until 1PM.

7. Walkability Survey (Outdoor Spaces and Buildings) – Lyn and Barbara provided a draft report. Reactions and comments will be greatly appreciated. Next meeting we'll discuss the best strategy for sharing the report with the world!

8. Hallowell Helps – Bob talked about recruiting volunteers through the SEARCH program at Catholic Charities to provide driving services and possible companionship.

Mary Ann noted that in several of the meetings she has attended the topic of effectively using volunteers has come to the forefront. She explained that success in recruiting volunteers and maintaining the relationship over time depends in great part on being clear about the nature of the volunteer tasks and the amount of time that will be required.

Maggie said that she is volunteering through the SEARCH program. There was an extensive application process. Time was spent ensuring the match of volunteer and customer worked. There is on-going contact between the agency, volunteers and those beings served.

Lyn wondered how the connection was made between Maggie and those she serves. Maggie explained that Lynn Kidd, the SEARCH Coordinator met with all parties and was present during the first meeting to ensure that the relationship worked well.

9. Age-Friendly Plan – Requirements Review and Domain discussion 20:00

Partner Agreements - Transportation Volunteers

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

Housing – Committee

Respect and Social Inclusion - Maggie and Lyn

Community Support and Services – Spectrum Generations

10. Meeting Reflections – Everyone was out the door!

Follow-up –Chief Owen suggested Saturday, October 12 for the Fire and Falls Protection Workshop. There will also be an open house at the station which should attract a good crowd.

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