



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
July 8, 2020 10:00-11:10am via Zoom video conferencing

Attending: John Bastey, Stephanie Hanner, Bob McIntire, Maggie Warren, Patrick Wynne

1. Minutes to the June 10, 2020 meeting were approved by consensus.
2. Reports on recent/upcoming events – Stephanie noted that the Spectrum Generations has been discussing how to open Cohen Center and the other congregate dining facilities to customers. At this point it will probably be after September before sites will be open. There were many people added to the Meals on Wheels rolls to provide food while folks were sheltering in place and refrained from going shopping.

Maggie asked about “Meals to Go.” Stephanie said those kind of meals can’t be counted as Federal funding doesn’t allow using grant resources for preparing special meals. The kitchen is about at capacity given the increases in the number of Meals on Wheels being prepared. The communal dining room is also being use for storage in the expanded meals program.

3. Newsletter – Discussion of Summer edition. Bob reviewed the list of stories being gathered for the newsletter.

Patrick suggested that it would be great if the music of Supply Belcher could be featured on the Historic Hallowell web site. Bob will check to see about sources for scores.

Community Housing of Maine is putting together a story about the opening of Central Commons. Maggie has moved into her apartment and will be talking to new neighbors about their moves.

We also discussed the Hallowell Board of Health. Patrick explained that the board of three physicians is providing the direction regarding health policy.

4. City Comprehensive Plan report – John reported that all the meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Group are now available through links on the City web site. John shared the notes from the June 18th meeting. The next meeting is July 16th via Zoom. All are welcome to join and contribute.

5. Heart and Soul Hallowell report – Vision Hallowell – John has been participating in both groups. Heart and Soul has much information on its Facebook page. Kelly Kennedy Yokoyama is designing a logo for the group. Karen Tucker is putting together a story for the next edition of The Champion.

Vision Hallowell is working on the concept of a pocket park at the corner of Water and Central Streets. The hope is to create a temporary park to explore the concept. There will be a brain-storming session on Tuesday July 28th in the location.

6. Age-Friendly Plan – Bob will present the plans to the City Council at the July meeting (postponed until the August meeting.)
 - Respect and Social Inclusion and Civic Participation and Employment
 - Community Support and Health Services
7. Next meeting by Zoom August 12, 2020.