



*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

November 12, 2020 Maxwell Room at the Cohen Center Town Farm Road and via Zoom video conferencing

Attending: John Bastey, Bob McIntire, Cindy Sullivan, Diana Scully, Karen Tucker, Maggie Warren

### Agenda Items

1. Additions to the Agenda – John wanted to note the success of the Community Conversation and thanked Bob for stepping in to assist.
2. Notes to October 14, 2020 were approved by consensus
3. Livability Dashboard – Bob demonstrated the Livability Dashboard – [Preview link](https://fourtheconomy.shinyapps.io/AARP_ME_DRAFT/)  
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The Age-Friendly Livability Dashboard project builds on the work of community Age-Friendly Action Plans to supplement community livability indicators. The pilot cohort of communities includes Bangor, Bowdoinham, Madison, and Portland. Fifteen communities including Hallowell are now profiled on the website. The project was developed by [Fourth Economy Consulting](#) for [AARP Maine](#). Bob asked that people review the site and suggest other resources should be added.

Select a community in the dropdown box and then explore the community's "Age-Friendly Resources, Livability Data, Community Goals and Activities," or learn of the project development under "About the Project" where there is a list of sources of data used in the website.

Resources can be added to the website three ways:

- Call Megan Nestor at Four Seasons directly at 248-496-1134 and share feedback that way.
- Send Megan an email with feedback and/or edits  
[megan.nestor@fourtheconomy.com](mailto:megan.nestor@fourtheconomy.com)
- Submit edits using [Edit Asset Map](#)

Four Seasons will provide a walkthrough of the site for participating communities on Monday at 11:00 AM via Zoom. Email Megan for an invitation with connection information. Bob attended a session yesterday. It was interesting to learn how communities are rolling out the site.

4. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Task Force – Diana Scully Introduced the IDEA Task force. A copy of the invitation memo was attached to the Agenda. Diana explained the impetus for the creation of the task force and said that three councilors and 5 community members have signed on. She is hoping that a member of the Age-Friendly Committee will join. The initial meeting will probably be after December's Council meeting.

John noted the Heart and Soul work and Vision Hallowell suggesting that there should be involvement with those groups. He felt that there needs to be a really effort to involve younger people in the initiative.

Karen said she felt people responded if specifically invited and asked to volunteer.

5. Heart and Soul Hallowell – Karen noted the success of Community Conversation that took place the end of October. She said that there were about twenty interviews that need to be reviewed and ideas and reflections transcribed so the information can be entered in a database.
6. City Comprehensive Plan – John reported that the Comprehensive Planning Group meets next on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. The Planning Group would like to invite people to attend one of two online meetings on Thursday, November 19 at 6pm OR Saturday, December 12 at 2pm. These meetings will be the kickoff to the 2020 Comprehensive Planning process and an introduction to the Existing Conditions report. The Comprehensive Planning Group, working over the past 10 months, has completed a sharable Existing Conditions report; it can be found [HERE](#) on the City website. Please RSVP Jeff Levine [jlevine@levineplans.com](mailto:jlevine@levineplans.com) if you can attend a planning session
7. Newsletter – Discuss Fall edition – Spring edition contents. Maggie said that she received many positive comments about the newsletter. The budget distributed with eh agenda shows there are resources available to publish the Spring and Summer 2021 issues.
8. Age-Friendly Plan – Draft Review – A copy of the plan was distributed to members who are asked to review it carefully and make suggestions and corrections. To goal is submit the plan to the City Council at its December meeting. Bob will check with Diane to see when it is needed to be in the Council packet.

There is one important section that remains to be written – What Make Hallowell Special. Bob asked Karen if she could review some of the comments from the listening sessions. Maggie suggested using some of the photographs from the Facebook page.

Committee members are asked to write a short statement about why they think Hallowell is a great community.

9. Committee Future – We briefly discussed opportunities for the future of the committee to be further considered at the December meeting.