

Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee

Feb. 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Doreen Willett, Teresa Wagner, Jan Varnum, Allie Bodge, Susanne Hopkins. Absent: Heather Lewis

Doreen Willett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. She reported that she had reformatted the resource document into Word, font, Georgia. She asked about the size of print. She sent the document out to our group in Google.docs today. Since some had not seen the document, she shared it on her screen with the group.

The table of contents will be finalized at the end. Public safety information will go at the top. We agreed that 8 1/2" x 11" would be a good size.

Doreen suggested that we as a few volunteers to review the draft of the document and evaluate its usability.

We discussed how much detail is necessary. Terry shared a document, pointing out the amount of detail. Susanne also shared one from Augusta, online at spectrumgenerations.org.

Allie reminded us again that we need to focus on our three domains, not all of them. We generally agreed to remove all specialists, as most would need a doctor's referral.

Susanne asked about cutting down our descriptive sentences. Allie agreed, but suggested that in some cases it is needed. Her example was Common Good; what is it? We finally agreed that if it is not needed in the title, we would remove the description.

We agreed to add Northern Light Hospice, as it provides medical care in the home. How about palliative care? Healthy Acadia?

Doreen suggested that we might be able to cut our document by 50%. She thought 20 pages was reasonable.

Housing will be combined. After the document is cleaned up, we will print out 10-12 copies for review by volunteers and to find out what is missing.

Each person on the committee will edit the sections that we were responsible for developing before the next meeting.

There was much discussion. Doreen will send a new link of the document on Google.docs to Committee members later today.

The minutes of the Jan. 27, 2021 meeting were approved after a motion by Allie and second by Susanne. There was no public comment. The meeting ended at 4:00 PM.

The next meeting will be Wed., Mar. 17, 2021, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Varnum, Secretary