

## **Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee**

Mar. 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Susanne Hopkins, Jan Varnum, Teresa Wagner, Allie Nolan. Heather Lewis has withdrawn from the Committee.

Doreen Willett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. She asked for approval of the minutes from the Feb. 17, 2021 meeting. Terry moved that they be approved; Allie seconded. It was unanimous. The financial report is the same as it was last month, requiring no action.

Doreen reported on the meeting with the Town Council, where our annual report was given. The Council responded positively and offered their support to our work. Jill Goldthwait, Council member, suggested that they form an "Action Committee" to help us with some of the tasks in our Action Plan. Doreen will follow up with an email to the Council.

We discussed reports that were returned from volunteers regarding the draft of our Resource Guide document. Folks thought 5x8" was a good size. Doreen wondered about including some of the 211 Directory (State of Maine) resources. We agreed that there should be a statement regarding the purpose of the guide, date, etc. and a suggestion to contact your provider for more information.

The group asked Doreen to establish an email account for the Committee. She will check with Sharon, the Town Clerk.

We discussed editing. AARP will print 100 copies of our Resource Guide free-of-cost. We need to check with AARP to see if we have an option in size. Sullivan has a 9 1/2" x 11" size, 21 pages, with many duplications. Doreen will send a link or we can check the Sullivan Town Website. We also have our own page on Bar Harbor's website.

Action steps to be taken include: establishing an email account, reviewing our document in 5x8" format (Doreen will send it out.), and Allie will check on the printing options. All are responsible to help with editing. The Action Plan and AARP certificate will be added to our web page.

Doreen reminded us that we need to fill the Vice Chair vacancy on the Committee. Members are asked to think about this. We also have three open positions. Susanne offered to write a short article for the MDIslander, asking for volunteers. We might also place something on Bar Harbor Barter and Swap and Citizens of Bar Harbor FaceBook pages.

Doreen suggested that her goal was to have the Resource Guide ready by the end of May. At that time, we should develop a press release.

There was no public comment. The next meeting will be Wed., Apr. 21, 2021, on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM after a motion by Terry and second by Susanne. It was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Varnum, Secretary