

Town of Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee Minutes

Wed., July 15, 2020

Zoom meeting

Present: Heather Lewis, Teresa Wagner, Allie Bodge, Doreen Willett, Jan Varnum (Ron Greenberg attempted to get into the Zoom meeting after it started, but was unable to do so.) Guest: Jill Goldthwait.

Doreen Willett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. (Thanks to Cornell Knight for setting our meeting up on Zoom.) Doreen explained that Martha Searchfield was leaving the Committee, as she and her husband were traveling.

Doreen asked about the minutes of our last meeting, Feb. 26, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Motion was made by Heather and seconded by Jan to accept the minutes as written. Unanimous.

Doreen then asked for any questions regarding the financial report. There were none.

After discussion, we agreed that our major goal, once our AARP Plan is completed, is to create a resource guide for Bar Harbor. We suggested starting with information collected by the MDI Helpers (pandemic resources) and Healthy Acadia. Allie will connect with AARP to see about printing, numbers, etc. To develop content, we discussed the idea of using google.docs so that all members could have access and contribute to a living document. Doreen will start a document and put up a template. We need to keep in mind the many resources we have available. Our tentative goal is to publish this by November 2020.

We then reviewed the list and discussed how valuable all of these ideas were., but that our community already provides for many of these things. Our newly planned activities should be developed from our written Plan and the survey we did.

We agreed that we need to make finishing the AARP Plan our priority, before doing anything else. While it would be difficult to meet in person, we might utilize google.docs to work on the document for a period of time. We could plan to meet two weeks from today to finalize the document. Doreen said that she would send an email to share the documents that we've worked on, making us all editors. (She will save a copy of the original document.) The next meeting will be July 29, 2020, at 3:00 PM. Doreen will check to see if we can do it in person. (Note: As of July 16, Doreen learned that we must Zoom this meeting to allow for public access.)

Jan reported that the Aging and Loss Workshop was postponed due to Covid-19. Members offered congratulations to Jill Goldthwait on her election to the Town Council. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Jan Varnum, Secretary