

Minutes of Bar Harbor Task Force on Aging

Dec. 5, 2018

Municipal Building

Present: Ron Greenberg, Doreen Willett, Jan Varnum, Martha Searchfield and Judie Noonan. Absent: Bonnie Lundquist

Doreen Willett, Chair, called the meeting to order. Agenda items included the evaluation of the “practice” session held and choosing three new dates for future focus groups. Judie explained that the Council will be meeting with the Planning Committee and the Island Housing Trust regarding housing, and then there will be a Public Forum in the early spring.

Doreen explained that Barbara is reconsidering service on the Task Force.

We spent time in evaluation of the practice session. Jan commented that more men were needed in the focus group. She also brought up the issue of socialization, and we referred to page 31 of our survey results.

The suggestion was made that we have three groups and spend 45 min. on one topic, so two topics could be covered in the time allowed. Each topic could be discussed two different times by two different groups of people.

A Senior Center was discussed. All present felt it was important.

Ron suggested the importance of extending conversations and thought that could be included in the ground rules. Each person should introduce him or herself.

We liked the “magic wand” question. There should be a closing that is inclusive with no passes. Recorders are important.

The following tentative schedule is planned, with snow dates:

Jan. 8 (snow date- 21) YWCA, housing and transportation

Jan. 9 (snow date- 23) Town Hill Firehouse or Bio Lab, transportation & sidewalks

Jan. 12 (snow date- 24) Library, Age by Design program, housing and sidewalks

We need to give Sharon public notice and contact Liz Graves at the Islander. Doreen asked Jan if she would help with the writing of an article. Jan agreed. We said that people must sign up on a first come- first served basis and that should be clear in the article.

The next meeting will be Jan. 16 at 3:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Varnum,
Secretary