

Minutes of the Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee

Jan. 15, 2020

Present: Allie Bodge, Heather Lewis, Janet Varnum, Martha Searchfield, Ron Greenberg, Teresa Wagner, Doreen Willett. Absent: None.

Guest: Cornell Knight, Town Manager

Chair Doreen Willett called the meeting to order. She explained that the Action Plan prepared for the ME AARP for our group was due in August, and somehow we'd moved ahead and hadn't gotten this done. That is of the utmost urgency. Also, we are expected to deliver a report to the Town on Feb. 22, 2020. Allie suggested that we have a longer working session, and Doreen thought it might take three or more. These must be held publicly, preferably in the Municipal Bldg. Finally, we agreed on the following dates:

Jan. 30- 10:00 -12:00 PM

Feb. 6 - 10:00-12:00 PM

Feb. 26- 3:00-5:00 PM

Mar. 5- 10:00-12:00 PM

Mar. 18- 3:00-4:00 PM

Cornell offered for Nina St. Germain to come to our Mar. 18 meeting to see how she can help with flushing out the plan.

We will go back to the original goals from our survey:

1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Community Support and Health Services

We will utilize the minutes of our meetings to help with writing the Action Plan. We need to develop a mission statement and place it on our website, Facebook page, etc. AARP can provide other action plans from age-friendly communities to assist us.

Doreen will send out a copy of last year's Town Report on email. She will also send templates and a guide for the Action Plan by email.

We then focused on writing a mission statement, which was adopted as follows:

"Bar Harbor's Age Friendly Committee Mission Statement: Strive for a community where all the residents of Bar Harbor, regardless of age, can live, grow and thrive." The statement was moved by Heather and seconded by Ron, with unanimous support.

On Jan. 30, we will first attend to the preparation of the Town Report. The minutes of the Dec. 18, 2019, meeting were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Jan Varnum
Secretary