

Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee
April 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present: Allie Bodge, Susanne Hopkins, Nancy Howland, Andrea Lepcio, Sharon Linscott, Terry Wagner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susanne Hopkins at 3 PM.

Minutes of March 16 meeting were approved with a spelling correction: Lipscott to Linscott.

Susanne reported that Kevin Sutherland, Town Manager will join our meeting in May. One of the things he can update us on is the sidewalk project.

Susanne noted that in the process of reprinting, the hospital noticed the resource guide table of contents was missing page numbers. She has made this correction to the file that is posted on the website as well as the hospital funded printing.

Andrea reported that the paper suggests putting author credentials on the byline of any articles we submit. We still need a name for the column. It was suggested that each article be finished with a line such as: This column is brought to you by the Town of Bar Harbor Age Friendly Committee.

The topics listing that Andrea had provided was reviewed. Allie suggested adding Palliative Care. This addition and other suggestions will be incorporated into a revision that Andrea will distribute.

Andrea's draft article on keeping active was well received by the group. She will add some Bar Harbor specific content and redistribute for review. She will provide the paper with our logo and will do a brief document outlining guidelines for articles. We will look to have a regular week each month for an article.

Allie reported that Mary Parnum at the hospital would be interested in contributing. Allie will also reach out to others. Andrea offered to assist any potential article writers.

Regarding a new Transportation Survey, Sharon spoke to Patricia Oh at AARP about how they might help. They would help get a survey online and help with analysis. We decided to first re-review the previous survey results. Sharon mentioned that Island Connections plans to do a volunteer survey in year one of its new plan and a needs assessment in year 2. We should keep this in mind when planning any other survey. We will remove the 'poll tax payers' item from our plan.

We discussed a need to know more about what Down East Transportation does. Sharon will contact them.

At our next meeting, Susanne will plan with recent updates. By then, we should also have an updated article done or in the pipeline.

Next meeting is May 18, 4PM in person at the Municipal Building, 3d floor conference room. Andrea will be excused.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Wagner
Secretary