

# MINUTES

**AGING IN PLACE IN UNION COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022  
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM  
& TOWN HALL STREAMS  
1:00 p.m.**

**Committee members present:** Anita Brown, Carol Watier, Marcy Corwin, Holly Gartmayer-DeYoung, Bob Williams, and Bill Lombardi (Select Board)

**Others present:** Stacey Parra (Town Clerk) and Jay Feyler (Town Manager)

## **1. Welcome**

Stacey and Jay led the meeting in lieu of a chair. Stacey said they think it's very important to continue this committee until someone steps forward to lead it. Other towns are impressed that we have it. The luncheons are especially important; people love them.

## **2. Approve Minutes of Monday, March 7, 2022:**

Motion by: Bob Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Carol Watier  
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## **3. Discussion of Chair position:**

Bob noted past chairs have been involved in social services.

The hope is that more members will join by September, post-Covid, and someone will want to be in charge as usually happens according to Jay.

## **4. Overview update from members to Jay:**

Holly said she and Debra will be leading Aging in Place Community Circles at the library this spring. She said these circles can be rich and prolific in dialogue and coming to a common understanding between the municipality and the will of the participants in the circle. She cofacilitated without a chair in Eastport. They would bring suggestions that are offered to this committee.

Stacey asked what else: luncheons, food pantry, outreach volunteer from the last agenda.

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Bill brought up transportation. He said the committee did some research about county transportation efforts, which have not really taken off. Bob said a few years ago they followed what St. George was doing but got into liability issues with who the drivers were, etc. Holly will inquire about what they did in Eastport: the municipality was the lead and received AARP funding for an electric car with charging place at city hall and figured out the limitations and liability in about a year and a half. Anita said that, for many local people who go to Pen Bay, next thing they know they have to go to Scarborough, and appointments can take a whole day.

Carol brought up the Senior Companion Program through University of Maine (AmeriCorps she later added). Holly said when she was CEO at Eastport Healthcare, they used Senior Companions to help transport patients. Carol later noted Senior Companions get \$3 per hour and do not have to claim it on taxes.

Bob asked about the rideshare program, for which there have been no requests. Bill said it's a neighbor-to-neighbor kind of thing.

Stacey asked if Come Spring Food Pantry will deliver. Bill said the short answer is yes; it takes some coordination.

Bill mentioned the calling/check-in program. Quite a few people did not want the calls. Jay said the same thing happened when the ambulance was doing it.

Katie Tarbox is willing to keep doing luncheons when we need her. Bill said she had talked about a contribution to her organization, but they did not come to a way to do it. Jay said we just need an invoice for the auditors. Anita will get in touch with Katie.

Bob mentioned Erik doing something with the Masons about home repair. Liability issues were discussed. Bob said perhaps the committee could just be a contact person.

### **5. Preparation for June luncheon:**

The committee will do the June luncheon with a grill, food from Common Market, etc. and an amateur chef who looks a lot like Bob Williams.

Luncheon date is June 23, hopefully in person. Bob had previously arranged as speaker the person who runs Adult Ed. He will reach out to her again. He noted speaker presentations run 15 to 20 minutes.

### **6. Other Business:**

Stacey articulated everyone's hope that the committee will get more members/volunteers by September and move on. They do not want all this (luncheon, speakers, etc.) to end.

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Jay wondered when the committee started. Anita found minutes dated June 26, 1917; Jay started that first meeting.

In answer to Carol, Jay and Stacey said the topics of calls they get from older residents concern housecleaning and snow shoveling. Anita brought up the need for socialization. Bill said we can try to do more social proceedings, such as a coffee hour, on the other side of Covid if it turns out to be a need via Community Circles.

Senior Companion would be a great luncheon speaker.

### **7. Next meeting:**

Monday, May 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m., William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room.

No meetings in July and August.

Anita reminded they had a June meeting to recruit people at Town Meeting. Jay said we can recruit at Town Meeting again.

### **8. Adjourn:**

Motion by: Bill Lombardi

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bob Williams

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Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo  
Secretary