

MINUTES

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION COMMITTEE

Monday, July 8, 2019

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

1:00 p.m.

Present: Wanda Gamage-Wyman, Katie Tarbox, Martha and Clark Hooper, Lorain Francis, Carol Watier, Bob and Dot Williams, Anita Brown, Patrick Groening (intern for Union) and guests, Bill and Holly Lombardi. Wanda Gamage-Wyman and Lorain Francis co-chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were corrected by adding a comma after “approved as written,” by Wanda Gamage-Wyman as well as adding Wanda and Lorain will co-chair our meetings as number 7 and moving the next meeting to number 8. The changes noticed in the June minutes were requested by the June notetaker, Carol Watier. They were then approved as changed.
2. At the exit to the June town election, Clark & Martha Hooper sought people interested in volunteering to transport people. When they were not present there was a box for responses. We have three names of interested people. Heather Jackson would do weekend transportation. Peter Duffy would do transportation but does not want to come to meetings. Antonia Hernandez is interested, and Wanda has added him to our list.
3. Discussion followed that “Coastal Connector” is recruiting drivers and will reimburse .44 per mile. Volunteer drivers are asked to call 207-930-7279. This is also at midcoastpublictransportation.org and for people seeking rides it requires coming under income and insurance guidelines. Michael is the CEO of Midcoast Transportation and Katie will contact him for more information about their service in Union as it covers Knox County.
4. Carol will follow up with Community Concepts in Lewiston as they sent her an email when she inquired about a Free Press ad for Knox County as we want to know whether they do service our area.
5. Lorain will contact Sheila Curry to see if she is interested in forming a “transportation subcommittee” to put together a program for Union residents.

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6. Katie updated us on Food Shares from Good Shepherd food bank. She brought materials that MCH is putting out and drivers deliver them too. One hundred twenty-seven recipients are now on their Meals on Wheels program.
7. Upcoming events of interest to us: September 24th 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. is 6th annual Maine Wisdom Summit at the Augusta Civic Center with emphasis on Aging Activism. Tri-state Learning Collaborative Oct. 21st 8am to 3:30 pm in Concord, NH at the Grappone Center. Referred to as the “TSLCA Summit”
8. Agenda next meeting should include: a web page, Facebook page and marketing for Union Aging in Place.
9. Discussion followed about having an August 29th cook-out type luncheon of hamburgers and hotdogs. Bob will check on the date with Jay for using this room for the luncheon, and also about the availability of a grill and whether the fire department would cook for this. The time would be the same from 11:30 to 1:00. Wanda will talk with Jay about having Jesse bring the ambulance down and talking about his program “Good Morning Union.”
10. The next meeting will be August 5 at 1 pm. We also planned for 2nd Monday in September, September 9th at 1 pm, October 7th, November 4th (Upstairs? As election day is next day), December 2nd.
11. Following our business meeting, Bill and Holly Lombardi described their MOFGA certified organic high-quality farm produce at 780 S. Union Rd. They participate in the “Maine Senior Farm Share” program. They have 8 more shares available and they want people who are seniors and who qualify to know. They get to choose \$50 of produce. It is a government program for 60 years of age and older. The income guideline for two people is \$31,284. And for one person \$23,000. (There is paperwork to complete to qualify.) The Lombardis also sell from their food stand to everyone. They do deliver farm shares when seniors do not have transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Brown
Secretary