

MINUTES

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting hosted by Lorain Francis.

Present: Lorain Francis, Anita Brown, Bill Lombardi, Katie Tarbox, Erik Durbas, and Town Manager, Jay Feyler and Vose Librarian Debra Lay

1. Chairman Lorain Francis opened the zoom meeting at 1:00 PM.
2. Erik Durbas motioned approval of the May 3, 2021, minutes as written. Seconded by Lorain Francis and unanimous approval.
3. We reviewed plans made for our June 24th take-out meal. Bill will put in “selectmen’s sidelines” about this luncheon.
4. We are to arrive at 10:45 for our 11:30 am take-out. It is agreed that each meal will have one hotdog and one hamburger as we did not establish this before our advertising. The previous summer cook-out meal accommodated individual requests. We will remember to discuss this in the future.
5. Anita reported Michelle told her we have 14 reservations as of today. Anita will get updates on reservation numbers from the town office and send out email updates for all on the committee.
6. Erik reported on his AARP Friendly Communities conversations. “We need to look at what we have that works and can work better. Not everything works for every town.” The town of Mt Vernon Maine has a “friendly caller program”, but the caller knows the person they are calling. In this town the committee is organized as a non-profit and in the town Comprehensive Plan.
7. Erik also learned about a “tool loaning program” and town sand buckets for seniors. They also support a town trail system for walking.
8. Katie shared that the Knox County sheriff’s department may not be able to continue to handle the “sand for seniors” program and we may need to plan a way to pick up this responsibility for our town.

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9. Debra offered that Vose Library would like to have participation with our activities as they are planning to be a “hub” for our town not just a place to get a book. This is the way of the future for libraries. They are now starting up “Vose to Home” book delivery again and this provides a check-in with some people. They also have a walking trail under preparation.
10. Erik offered that another idea from Mt Vernon is to have a Saturday event that would involve whole families and appreciate our seniors. Lorain shared this year the Chamber of Commerce pie social on the Common is still happening on Founder’s Day weekend as a family event. Also, as the Come Spring food pantry gets going in the new location there may be an opportunity to do these events.
11. Lorain reported for the TCC committee that they are looking into senior housing possibilities again for a use for this building.
12. Erik will further research “tool loaning” locations and visit Vose Library to see what they already loan as Debra is interested in being involved if we offer this resource. Erik will also further research what the Masons are able to offer.

Our next zoom meeting will be the 2nd Monday due to the 4th of July holiday. **Monday, July 12, 2021, at 1:00 PM by zoom (postponed until Monday, September 20, 2021).**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Brown
Secretary