

**Readfield Ad Hoc Committee
Age Friendly Committee
Minutes of March 23, 2016 meeting**

Meeting called to order by Chair Romaine Turyn at 4:03 pm. Appointed members present: Romaine Turyn, Marianne Perry and John Moran. Also in attendance were Bruce Bourgoine (SB member) and Darlene McMahon, who has said she is applying for membership in this committee. Minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed, corrected and accepted. Romaine asked for a volunteer to be the note-taker, as she had her time taken up with the Needs Assessment Grant Writing. Also she has offered to write articles about this Committee for the *Readfield Messenger*. Marianne Perry agreed to take notes in collaboration with John Moran. Bruce Bourgoine shared an idea he had for the group to do in the immediate future, which was to connect with the Town of Mt. Vernon's program called "Rides-for-Elderly." This is a free program now available in 5 Kennebec County towns. These towns are Belgrade, Mt. Vernon, Fayette, Rome and Vienna. Bruce passed out an article about this program authored by Betty Adams. He will contact Sandy Wright of Mt. Vernon's Community Partnership Corporation to speak to this Committee about the workings of their program.

Other ideas discussed:

1. Extending sidewalks.
2. Question of whether Select Board ok is necessary for spending grant money.
3. Decided to apply for up to \$8,000 grant money from Gorman Foundation.
4. Romaine said, "Readfield has all the components for an Age-Friendly Community to qualify for a grant application."
5. Romaine, with input from John and Marianne, went over the grant application domains.

John Moran is to get information from the social group Guys and Gals. Marianne will get information about the Town's ad hoc Emergency Response Committee.

Next meeting is April 20, 4-6 pm, at the Town Office. Agenda items will include:

- Representative from Mt. Vernon's free ride program to speak with the Committee;
- Analyzing needs assessment surveys from Bethel and Bowdoinham to be used for Readfield's survey model.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Perry, John Moran