

Minutes
Age Friendly Meeting
Friday, September 2, 2016
9:00 am

Present: Romaine Turyn, John Moran, Marianne Perry, Ann Mitchell, Bruce Burgoine

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Romaine, at 9:12. The minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting were corrected to reflect John Moran as being present.

A teleconference call was set up with Patricia Oh of AARP with whom we shared our thoughts on when to host Focus Groups, specifically before or after distributing surveys, or after receiving and tabulating the data. After extensive discussion, it was decided to:

1. get the surveys out in all formats discussed and request they be returned by October 14th
2. get the data analyzed by November 1st
3. hold Focus Groups in November using the following venues:
 - Guys and Gals
 - Senior Cafe
 - Cemetery Group
 - Professionals
 - General Public

Results of the survey will help form questions to be raised at the meetings. Patricia is happy to help facilitate Focus Group meetings.

The meeting continued after saying goodbye to Patricia. Bruce Burgoine suggested that the Select Board and the General Public meet together. It may be possible to make the Focus Group an Age Friendly Workshop advertised by a "Save the Date" announcement. It is important to hold this in early December before the Select Board gets into the budget session.

Romaine reported on discussion with Nancy Mesevier, Town Librarian. The Bowdoinham Library has been successful with several initiatives such as, assuring accessibility, creating programming for the elderly, having volunteers deliver books requested by the elderly, giving talks on the Constitution, making easy to read signs, and having survey results. Bowdoinham is sending their Guidelines on Aging.

The meeting ended with a discussion of what advertising resources should be investigated and used such as The Advertiser, Town Marquee, and Lakes Region Advertiser.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 21st at 9:00

Respectfully submitted
Ann Mitchell

