

Committee on Aging  
Minutes  
February 11, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

Present: Ted Trainer, ch; Marti Hess-Pomber, Vice ch; Linda Sentner, Secy; Molly Hoadley, Danielle McPherson, Susan Aubuchon, Judy Metcalf, Candice Simeoni (Kennebunk Police), Alaina LeBlanc (Chamber of Commerce), Blake Baldwin ( Select Board Liaison)

Guests: Kathryn Palano, Lisa Pratt.

Excused: Karen Winton, Staff Liaison

Ted Trainer called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm and asked the two guests to be introduced. Lisa then asked why the Town had turned down a grant from AARP for a survey on Age-Friendly concerns. Molly Hoadley explained that event, which occurred when the Select Board was considering a Town wide survey of its own.

The Minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved 4-0-1. Susan Aubuchon had not arrived at the time of this vote and Judy Metcalf abstained as she had missed the January meeting.

2020 Annual Report was approved 5-0 for submission to the Town.

The primary Agenda item was to be the presentation by Karen Winton on how the CoA could best help with the great many projects on the Town's plate. Karen, however, at the last minute was unable to attend the meeting. She submitted an email request to the Chair suggesting that the Committee ask the Town to set up an Age-Friendly section on the Town Facebook page which could be used to report on events and other items of interest to the senior population in Kennebunk. The Committee agreed to tell Karen that it supported the idea of a special section for seniors but there were many issues to be worked out in order for the CoA to take it on as a project.

The Committee, supported by Blake Baldwin, agreed to ask Karen Winton to make her previously planned general presentation at the March meeting.

In the January meeting the Committee had agreed to help publicize the work of the Kennebunk Police Dept related to scams and elder abuse. To that end, Danielle, Alaina and Judy Metcalf had publicized the scam materials that the Kennebunk Police Dept had created. The Committee

agreed to support the Police Dept in additional related work and to ensure the Town is aware of this support. Candice asked for and received volunteers for the upcoming Kennebunk-To-Go Meals project on February 22 and March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dot Steven's Center.

Candice informed the Committee that the Town's Tax Letter was about to be printed and perhaps the Committee might want to add a message. Molly Hoadley agreed to prepare a message asking for additional members on the the Committee.

Ted introduced the new State "Age Friendly Maine" Strategic Plan, which he had just received. He briefly summarized its structure, purpose and contents and said he would immediately send it out to all members and liaisons. He suggested the Plan might be a good unifying document to help the Town and the Committee to together develop a strategic plan, as recommended by the consultant in December. He asked that the possible use of this Plan be discussed at the March meeting.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.