

Town of Kennebunk

Committee on Aging

September 9, 2021

Minutes

Present: Ted Trainer, ch; Marti Hess-Pomber, Susan Aubuchon, Linda Sentner, Danielle McPherson, Molly Hoadley, Karen Winton (Staff Liaison), Chris Osterrieder (Town staff), Lisa Pratt (Select Board): Mike Pardue (Town Manager, towards the end of the meeting)

Excused: Judy Metcalf, Candice Simeoni (Police Dept), Alaina LeBlanc Tridente (Chamber of Commerce)

Ted Trainer opened the in-person meeting at 3:30 pm.

Draft Minutes of August 12th meeting, previously distributed, approved 5-0-1.

Project Updates. Resource Guide and Senior Living projects on hold until decisions made on the future of the CoA. MELC will soon be relocating to the Spurling Center near Exit 25. The Town has agreed to continue to fund the current Pod as a back-up. The remaining equipment at KLPD will be removed.

Future of the CoA. Lisa Pratt explained her Select Board assignment to establish a Committee on Committees to provide guidance to the Select Board on many questions about Committee functions and supervision that have been discussed in recent years. Ted referred to a previously distributed draft Transition Proposal to the Select Board and elaborated on the widely varying organizational structures in the 70 other Age-Friendly communities in Maine. There is no one best model as each Town has unique circumstances., but in near-by communities similar to Kennebunk, the independent Saco Age-Friendly Community Committee has been the most successful in generating projects to benefit its senior community. There followed an active and wide-ranging discussion, including references to previous issues between the CoA and the Town. The question remained: "What do we want?" It was finally agreed to make concrete decisions about our roles on the CoA at the next meeting on October 14th. Adjourned at 5:12 pm

Next Meeting: October 14th, 3:30-5 pm