

## Committee on Aging Minutes

June 10, 2021

### Zoom Meeting

Present: Ted Trainer, Marti Hess-Pomber, Molly Hoadley, Linda Sentner, Danielle McPherson

Not Present: Judy Metcalf, Susan Aubuchon; the three ex-officio members: Alaina Tridente LeBlanc, Karen Winton, Candice Simeoni; and the Select Board Liaison, Blake Baldwin.

Ted Trainer opened the meeting at 3:35 pm; four members were present to constitute a quorum.

Draft Minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved 4-0.

Update on the MELC. Molly Hoadley reported no progress on finding a home for the MELC. She will continue to try to contact Tim Harrington, owner of Quest, which has a large parking place that could accommodate the storage pod. Molly also reported that the draft MOU from the Town next requires discussion with the MELC Board, and the query about having a church as fiscal sponsor is still with the Town lawyer.

Update on the Resource Guide Project. Marti and Linda have met and collected several examples of possible guides. They proposed that a committee-wide review wait for an in-person meeting - a much more effective way to review the material than via Zoom, and then to decide scope and size. Agreed. In the meantime, Linda will ask the Karen Winton about the format in which the Town would like the eventual proposal to be submitted.

Update on Senior Living Facility Project. Molly reported that she, Ted and Danielle had met and agreed on the topics and where to present them. She also reported that she had initiated contact with Avesta Housing. Danielle reported she had an initial visit with Atria and Ted reported Huntington Common was most interested but needed to wait until live meetings with outsiders can be held in the facility.

Discussion of Possible CoA Re-structuring. Ted introduced the subject by stressing it is important we understand our official goals and our role in the Town government structure. He read the exact information about the Committee on the Town website, which also contains the URLs for local and regional resources for seniors. He reviewed the formal structure and membership of the committee, noting that four of the 11 volunteer positions are vacant. He then outlined three basic kinds of work the committee has done since it was established in May 2016. These are:

- Introduce/develop/manage projects for the Town. The MELC, as an example, was conceived and started by the Committee.
- Advise other town committees and officials on issues related to seniors. An example is Ted Trainer's membership on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

- Directly undertake projects as volunteers. An example was staffing.
- Candice Simeoni's Meals-to-Go events.

Ted then framed the discussion question: "How can the group of volunteers serving on the Committee on Aging best serve the elder community in Kennebunk and what kind of sustainable organizational structure can best support that service?"

Because of the limited attendance at this meeting, the discussion was basically limited to questions of clarification. It was agreed to postpone further discussion until the full committee can address the issue.