

**Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee**  
**February 16, 2022**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Present: Allie Bodge, Susanne Hopkins, Nancy Howland, Andrea Lepcio, Sharon Linscott, Terry Wagner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susanne Hopkins at 3 PM.

Sharon has been formally appointed to the committee by Town Council.

Minutes of January 2022 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.

No changes to the financial report. Susanne is getting clarification on how this works from Liz.

Resource Guide: We decided to revise and reprint the resource guide annually in November. MDI was interested in funding the printing of more copies of the current version. It was suggested that we work directly with the hospital's printer and provide the printer with the file.

Snow Shoveling: Doreen had been the primary contact. Sharon has now taken that over. She has not received any more calls or contacts. The group questioned whether this is just not needed. We agreed to start working on it much earlier next year and give it one more try. It would be good to contact the high school sooner. It might be more effective to have a more specific ask of volunteers. Nancy had tried to get students to shovel in a previous group, but it didn't get traction. Suggestion to contact churches early in the fall.

Action Plan: The group discussed how to address updating of the action plan. It seems that next actions would involve continuing the Home Modifications efforts. We will not pursue Housing Alternatives as the town is working on that issue and it requires considerable resources. (It was noted that a new retirement community project, Harbor Lights, was approved by the Planning Committee.) We will remove Blue Hill and League of Towns references from our plan as large gatherings did not take place due to Covid and are not immediately relevant.

We would like to revisit the idea of some sort of column in the Islander with a focus on senior news and items. Andrea will call Becky at the paper.

The Aging and Loss Workshop will be revisited. Jan had been in front of that and was still willing to help with it.

Terry mentioned that AARP is putting together some grant funding for updated surveys. We thought a survey focused on transportation needs might be a very helpful. Sharon will talk to Patricia Oh.

We will resume discussion of transportation and the rest of the Action Plan next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wed, March 16 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Wagner  
Secretary