

Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee
August 18, 2021
Municipal Building

Present: Allie Bodge, Susanne Hopkins (via phone), Terry Wagner, Doreen Willett
Absent: Nancy Howland

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doreen Willett at 3:00 PM.

Doreen agreed to serve as Chair until she leaves the area – probably in March 2022. Terry agreed to serve as Secretary, Susanne agreed to serve immediately as Vice-Chair and then step into the Chair role when Doreen leaves. We were unable to vote due to lack of a quorum. Doreen will ask Liz Graves, Town Clerk, if we can vote by mail. Officers are elected annually.

Strategies to recruit new members were discussed. Doreen will ask Jill to mention our need for members at a Council meeting if this is appropriate. It would be helpful to recruit a teacher to foster multigenerational participation in our projects. We may be able to generate interest with new projects

Doreen reported that we are awaiting AARP approval to print the first 100 copies of our Resource Guide. There was discussion of alternate funding through grants or local business donations if additional support is needed.

We discussed the home modification initiative as a potential new project/focus. Allie will be going to Sullivan to see what they are doing in this area. She has new staff on board to focus on this, but needs to set up a system to operationalize the work.

Doreen discussed the window insert program run by Brad Stager. These inserts enhance insulation. Our committee would like to support this work. Doreen will reach out to Brad for more information and to invite him to our next meeting.

We would also like to look at supporting smoke detector installation. We could work with the Fire Department and the Red Cross. Allie will contact John Lennon at the Red Cross. She will also find out what Sullivan is doing in this area.

We discussed looking into a Medicare educational forum. Doreen will reach out to the Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Age by Design also does these.

There is no further information on the private retirement community project near Birch Bay.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next meeting will be Wed. September 15 at 3:00 PM in person at the Municipal Building conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Wagner
Secretary

Slate of Officer Candidates Chair – Doreen Willett, Vice Chair – Susanne Hopkins, Secretary – Terry Wagner