

**AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

- I. Attendance: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Frank Pippin, Cindy Larrabee, Diane Vincent, Ben Weisner, Belinda Gerry, Larry Pelletier & “Chuckie”, Mamie Ney, Bob Cavanagh, Donna Wallace and guest, Eddie Burgess, Veterans Representative
- II. Minutes for the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Motion by Diane Vincent to accept. Second by Frank Pippin. All in favor.

Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed. Motion by Cindy Larrabee to accept. Second by Bob Cavanagh. All in favor.

- III. Clothing Give-Away at the Library on April 8, 2023 – Leroy Walker thanked everyone who donated clothing and money for the event. Over 150 people attended and nothing at all was left. It was very gratifying. The City of Auburn helped so much with publicity for the event. Datsy, in particular, was instrumental in getting the word out. It was an amazingly successful event. Recipients were very grateful and thankful. We will have another give-away in September (either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>). This was Ben Weisner’s first experience doing an Age-Friendly event, and he was amazed at the outcome. He wants to do it again! Blankets were a big hit at the event. Eddie got many of them donated.

In June, there will be another event (June 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.) hosted by the City of Auburn.

Cindy asked why the city couldn’t do something with the empty shoe shops to house the homeless. Eddie Burgess stated that the state has money for the warming building and some trailers for showering. There are about 150 people per night. Safety is a concern. Mental stability is a concern, especially with regard to cigarettes and fire.

Wellness Mobile was established in memory of Eddie Burgess’ brother, who died in Iraq. He participates in many other events to support veterans and the homeless. He invited the Age-Friendly group to attend the event that will be held at Moulton Park, to include a barbecue and resource tables. No date has been set yet. Resource bags handed out by the Wellness Mobile have the agency phone numbers and lots of other useful things like lotions, soaps, tooth brushes, gloves, mittens, t-shirts, etc. in them. Jan will ask her pastor about having a Bible Give-Away in either June or September.

Leroy will talk to Bell’s about donating potatoes for one of the events from Age-Friendly.

Cindy asked about having her church give some “Blessing Bags” or at one of the events as well.

- IV. The potato give-away is ongoing.
- V. Veteran's barbecue update – Frank reported that the Veterans Barbecue will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 31, Washington Street. Only for Vets.
- VI. St. Patrick's Day event summary – Leroy reported that we had a great dinner. We had plenty of volunteers and all the food was eaten or taken home. We appreciate everyone's support.
- VII. Open Session
  - A. Jan will go online and fill out the application to request water donation from Poland Spring.
  - B. Ben has a friend who works in Hollis. He will contact him to see if we can get a couple of pallets of water.
  - C. Mamie reported that the Dempsey Challenge will be held from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.
- VIII. Adjournment on a motion by Larry Pelletier and second by Cindy Larrabee. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Biron, Secretary