

Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024
5:30 p.m.

- I. Attendees: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron , Frank Pippin, Sally Gagnon, Ben Weisner, Tina Eugley, Larry Pelletier, Donna Wallace, Bob Cavanaugh
- Absent: Belinda Gerry, Mamie, Bill Eugley, Diane Vincent, Cindy Larrabee and Renee Bucknell
- II. Meeting opened at 5:34 p.m. with the review of the Minutes of the November 14th meeting. Motion by Frank Pippin to approve minutes. Second by Ben Weisner. All in favor.
- III. Potato Update – Leroy has been ordering potatoes for every other Wednesday. They will be arriving again in 2 weeks. They will be given to the senior groups, first and foremost.
- IV. New Year’s Day Event – Went very well. Finger rolls were not very good. The bread was very dry. Donations were \$393.00. Ninety-five (95) people attended.
- V. January movie (1/16) will be “Grumpy Old Men” at 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn at 11:30 with speaker, Jonathan LaBonte, speaking about the history of the Auburn airport. We will have pizza for lunch. Twenty-nine (29) people are registered for the L&L, and 18 for the movie.
- VI. The question of whether the council has voted to increase the number of members for the Age-Friendly board from 13 to 15 was on the agenda. Leroy reported that he talked to the city manager, so that we can get more workers and still maintain an odd number. It will be put on the City of Auburn Council Agenda. When the annual report is done, the members will be asked to attend to represent the board.
- VII. Veterans’ breakfast – Frank thanked the board for its support. The Am Vets in New Gloucester held a breakfast on December 3rd. Thirty-four (34) people attended. They will do a BBQ or Bean Supper in the spring.
- VIII. Valentine’s Day is on Robin Dow’s meeting date. Age-Friendly will not do a Valentine’s Day event this year, on a motion by Ben Weisner. Second by Dana Morrell. All in favor. We will, however, have a St. Patrick’s Day Event on Sunday, March 17th instead. Motion by Larry Pelletier. Second by Dana Morrell. All in favor.
- IX. Open Session:
1. Dana asked if we have anything to do with New Year’s Auburn. Leroy said that we do not have anything to do with it because the City of Auburn doesn’t really recognize the Age-Friendly Community Committee very well.
 2. Donna announced that Mamie Ney is no longer with the library. She was unable to say more. Programs for the Camden Conference – Issues in Indian Education (India)
 - a. Book Group – Meets 2/8

- b. Movie – “Leaving Home” on marriage in India
- c. Meditation – Thursday, 1/25 at 4:00 p.m.
- d. Senior College – Film series (International)

- 3. Letter to Sue Torres from Dollar General was passed out, thanking her for her support for our Hello-Ween, Thanksgiving and Christmas events.
- 4. Ben Weisner suggested that Age-Friendly become part of the Lobster Fest that is held around May 6th.
- 5. The Library will have its Bag-A-Buck Book Sale in May. We could supply dessert.
- 6. Other sponsors were John Morrison, Re-Energy, Mike Mercier (Sundown Construction.) Leroy wants more people to get involved with us. In the summer we will try to do some of the things other towns are doing. The City of Auburn gives us \$5,000.00/year.
- 7. The Balloon Festival – Sent a message to Mr. Grant for next year to show our interest. No one wants to give out any coolers except to those selling beverages. They will have a meeting in March.

X. Adjournment on a motion by Frank Pippin and Second by Larry Pelletier. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Biron, Secretary