

Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019

ATTENDEES: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Frank Pippin, Diana Pippin, Larry Pelletier, Alfreda Fournier, and Jamie Longley

- Leroy Walker opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.
- Minutes of the March 5th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Larry Pelletier. Second by Alfreda Fournier. All in favor
- Election of the chair of the committee was tabled. The committee must be in place before a chair can be elected.
- Leroy brought up the ELHS Community Service Day – May 17th. Larry stated that he will meet the school people at Bonney Park and go out to work from there. Leroy asked Larry to find out if he and Frank Pippin were also supposed to make a CD at the school on that date. Larry will look into it.
- Leroy would like to have Dana Morrell register to be a member of the group as a representative of Seniors Plus. Frank will contact her and ask her to register.
- Mamie Ney would be another valuable member of the group to represent the library. She will be encouraged to register also.
- Leroy put out a request to all members who know people who are in the school department who might like to become a member of the group.
- Jamie reported that nothing has been resolved with Healthy Androscoggin. We need to provide numbers of people who are on SNAP before they can participate. She explained that Kathy Shaw from 4 Seasons Farm Market will be coming to a lunch & learn on Tuesday, April 9th, 11:30 to 1:00 to explain the senior farm shares and Farm Up (for SNAP users).
- Review of Saco survey. Frank stated that the long survey should be thrown out. He objected to the question that asked a person's gender, but included "transgender". He asked that that be removed. Everyone agreed. It has no bearing on the needs for our programs. Whatever is included in the survey should be relevant to our programs. All other information should be left out.
- Sabrina Best went to a meeting at Saco and met with the Age-Friendly group. She brought back a tri-fold that outlines their programs. The tri-fold was passed around. Most of the programs in it, we are already doing as well. Leroy also passed around a magnetic "resource" phone number list. He passed around a couple of newsletters listing their lunch & learns, and other programs that they host. Sabrina also felt that the Age-Friendly group needs to be partners with the recreation department and the PAL program. One of the drawbacks to this is that the recreation department never asks Age-Friendly for any input and does not give the group any information about future plans. A partnership has to be a TEAM effort, otherwise, it doesn't work.
- Open Session:
 1. Frank asked when the committee would be recognized. Leroy responded that it should be the second council meeting in May.
 2. AARP is having a meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 at 25 Canal Street (where the old DaVinci's used to be). Many speakers come to discuss elder issues. Coffee and refreshments are served. Carl Bucciantini organizes the meetings.
- Adjournment: 6:39

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Biron, Secretary