

Age-Friendly Georgetown Hybrid Business Meeting  
December 12, 2022

**Present in person** - Jessie Graham, Jim Peavey, Joyce Oliver, Karen MacGillivray, Lisa Reece,  
Peggy Kapisovsky, Rich Cliffe, Roger Bogart, Will Richard  
**Via Zoom** - Elaine Varney, Sheila McCandless, Ole Jaeger

We welcomed Jessie Graham and Lisa Reece. Jessie moved to Five Islands in October. She is a realtor and a life coach. Lisa lives in Robinhood, works at Woodex, and is a kids' sports coach.

**Minutes** – October minutes were previously approved and distributed.

### Updates

- *AARP Master Class* was attended by Sheila & Elaine. They reported that many of the age-friendly groups in Maine are run like businesses. Some are longstanding and others are multi-towns combined. Both agreed that our way of doing things seems best suited for our community. Sheila will follow up by getting the *Network of Age-Friendly Committees Newsletter* from Patricia O (AARP/Maine) and a link for Google Classroom. Elaine took away the message “have fun while we’re doing our work”.
- Our Age-Friendly team delivered 29 Thanksgiving Baskets across the island that included cards that Jessica Weller created with school kids. The Bath Food Bank donated turkeys given to them by BIW workers. Age-Friendly spent \$110 on food items and the Five Islands Church spent \$270 for a total of \$380. We plan to continue this project next year. Last spring we worked with the Church to deliver Easter Baskets. We’ll discuss doing this again as Easter gets closer. It was asked if anything was done for Christmas and indeed it was. Today GCC filled over 54 Christmas Baskets and delivered them to families.
- The Age-Friendly Brochure has been well received. The original 150 could be found at the Historical Society, Richards Library, G’Town General Store, Town Office, and Transfer Station. Jim has ordered 50 more @ \$58.00.
- Drug Take Back was successful. People were happy to have a local spot to deposit unused medicines.
- Friends of Reid State Park advisory committee is hoping to finally meet with Haley and her supervisor in the new year to determine the needs of the Park and how ‘Friends’ can help. The Age-Friendly shovel brigade will continue to clear the path/boardwalk. A donated snow blower is housed at Griffith Head.

#### Ideas:

- √ Put a flag pole by the beach
- √ Put benches midway on the road to ½ mile beach
- √ Raise the height of benches on the boardwalk
- √ Create an interactive learning center at the old concession stand or Todd Pt.
- √ Stabilize the Old Stone Schoolhouse

#### Spring Projects in the works by the State

- √ New entry booth with 2 windows - both sides can be used to enter
- √ Create a **lane for those with passes** to ease up congestion
- √ Replace the lagoon bridge
- √ Griffith Head Road will be closed until the bridge is complete.

- Financial Status – Checking Account .....\$2561.71  
Expenses..... \$ 168.00 (Thanksgiving/\$110 Brochures/\$58)  
Donations since Oct.....\$ 300.00

- √ We still have (5)\$100,00 LL Bean gift certificates for managing the Beach Box at Reid
- √ \$70.00/week was spent on groceries to supplement gleaners' donations.
- √ Local farmers also added to gleaning selections.
- √ Jim hopes to fundraise in the Spring – stay tuned.

## Old Business

Assistive Technology – how to promote?

- Items are available on loan. The catalog is at Post Office, Library, and online
- Set up a display and demonstrate items at local events
  - Conservation Potluck? – Roger will check the feasibility of this
  - Invite to GWL (Karen & Sheila)
  - Town Meeting

Emergency Info Magnets – 100 available; Jim passed them out to those at the meeting and will email his members list to see who else may want one.

## New Business

File of Life – from Spectrum Generations/People Plus

- Refrigerator magnetic for health info and more
- 20 have been distributed around town.
- Fire Dept. has them on the ambulances to give out on calls.
- Jim has no more but will order.

Possible Projects

- Senior Center – a suggestion from a resident
  - √ A Center would require dedicated volunteers to oversee established hours.
  - √ After discussion, it was suggested that AFG, the Rec Committee, and GCC have a conversation after the first of the year to see if this would be a possibility for G'Town.
- Soup Social - Another suggestion
  - √ Designated days to serve soup/dessert.
  - √ Question of transportation; AFG likely to be able to help.
  - √ Need for volunteers to organize.
- Firewood Bank
  - √ Consider whether this is possible for Georgetown.
  - √ Learn more about the Woodchucks program in Boothbay region.
  - √ For the woodchucks, people/arborists/landscapers donate wood and it's cut/stacked by a group.
  - √ Kept in a designated place and delivered or picked up.

## Other

- Jesse asked if there would be interest in a Declutter Group. She would host a coaching session to get things started. Possible eventual listing under the Job Squad?
- Jim informed us that AARP has liability insurance which is free, with \$3,000 medical. It does not cover Job Squad type of work. Amanda will check to see if the Town's insurance covers Job Squad accidents.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:10

Next Business Mtg. Feb. 13, 2023, @ 4:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen MacGillivray