

Age Friendly Georgetown Hybrid Business Meeting
April 10, 2023

Present - Jessie Graham, Karen MacGillivray, Sheila McCandless, Peggy Kapisovsky, Jim Peavey,
Zoomers: Rick Cliffe, Ole Jaeger, Sandy Jaeger, Lisa Reece, Elaine Varney

Minutes - March minutes were previously distributed and approved.

Updates

Assistive Technology

- The display of items is still set up at GCC and will remain there until Jim is asked to remove it or we want to take it to another event.
- Someone has a 91 year-old relative visiting for a few weeks and is testing out the suction cup shower bar. It is reported it works great. .(yes, a waiver was signed)

Shredding Event

- Saturday, May 13. 2023 / 9:00-1:00 or until the truck is full @ Bath Police Dept.
- Limited to 4 large boxes per person.
- See the poster @ the Transfer Station, Store, Town Office, GHS, or GCC for more information.
- The Bath PD Green Drug Collection box in their lobby will also be available for drug drop-offs.
- Volunteers are needed – contact Jim.

Emergency Contact Program

- An emergency contact list has been developed in collaboration with other town organizations. Let Jim know if you want to be added to the list. Presently 4 residents are enrolled.
- The program proved successful during our last power outage.

AFG Financial Status

- Bank Account - \$4,522.77
- Gleaning Fund Raiser - \$2,275.00

Old Business

Friends of Reid State Park (FRSP)

- Haylee Parsons & Gary Best (Maine State Parks Southern Region Manager) participated in the Advisory Group of FRSP. The team is focusing on two initial areas– The Old School House and a “Learning Center” which will eventually be housed in the concession stand building at Griffiths Head.
- The Old School House presents quite a challenge since the roof has holes, many trees are unstable and brush is surrounding the building. Gary and Haylee will bring in the State Maintenance Department to assess the building and make stabilizing repairs. They will also seek advice from the ME State Preservation Commission for what can and can't be done if it is considered a historical building.
- There are many opportunities to enhance interactive educational programs, both existing and future. The desired plan is to eventually create a Learning Center in this space; funding is allocated through the American Recovery Program Act. A subcommittee was formed to develop a plan and identify what work can be done to support existing programs and see if there are new opportunities in the shorter term. Haylee and Gary have experience and expertise in this area and several members of the team bring considerable skills in this area. In the meantime, plans can be made that don't require a building. Programs of interest include:
 - Critter of the week
 - Plaques along the wood trails

- Jr. Ranger Program
- A long range idea is to turn the bath house at Todd's Point into an Event Center. A modified approach to the bathhouse is also being considered.
- Mats are available but where they will be used is not determined at this time. They will make access to beach area easier for those with limited mobility. East Beach (by the Pavilion) seems to be the best choice since Mile Beach is steep and erosion created rock exposure at Half Mile Beach.
- Currently the reopening date of the park is being pushed back a bit due to delays in bridge construction material deliveries and the infrastructure and new booths at the entrance area.

Community Yard Sale

- Miriam Nasset will be point person for the 2023 Community Yard Sale August 26 outside the First Church. More details later.
- GCC & our Fire Dept. are also having yard sales this summer. The AFG sale will offer space for residents to do their own selling.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Program

- Susie Wren will present at GHS on Sat. 4/15 @ 10:00. Unfortunately Zoom is not available.

New Business

- Elizabeth Gattine from the State Cabinet on Aging met with members of AFG steering committee. She listened and took note of our concerns:
 - Possibility of having a contact person at the State level who can direct people to correct office to call to address their issue.
 - Find a way to create a 'good Samaritan' insurance to cover Job Squad. We presently use liability waivers for both the Job Squad volunteers and the resident being helped.
 - Use of trade school students to step into 'plumber', and 'electrician' roles for Job Squad.
 - Georgetown has received a Community Action Grant for Town energy audits which provides funding for improvements to town buildings. At our June meeting, Jessica Weller will address ways AFG can help support this effort.
- Transportation/Accompanying Friends to Dr. Appointments – What can AFG do?
 - Suggestion made to record sessions with the Dr. and pass on to care giver.
- Affordable Housing in Georgetown Ideas
 - Work Force Housing – compensate homeowner for 'renting a room' to a summer employee. We will connect with the Workforce Housing group to see if we can help.
 - Match Ups – S. Portland residents w/ Southern ME Community College.
 - Home Share (Vermont)
 - Chebeague Island – tiny houses
 - Issues in Georgetown around zoning, HOA covenants in some areas, acreage, shoreline zoning, cultural concerns, sustainability.
 - Should there be a Tide article to let residents know AFG remains concerned about housing and is willing to work cooperatively with others?
- Gleaning
 - The gleaning table will probably start in late May. Some local gardeners donate produce and are already planting.

Other

- If you hear of any events or ideas for community education programs let Jim know so he can spread the word.
- Jessie Graham distributed copies of *Journey*, a magazine published by a friend.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:05
Next Business Mtg. June 12, 2023 at 4pm at Town Office

Respectfully submitted,
Karen MacGillivray