



**Age-Friendly Georgetown**  
**Agenda for Monday February 13, 2023, at 4:00 PM**  
**Location: Hybrid: Town Office and Zoom**

**Attendees : In Person :** Roger Bogart, Jessie Graham, Peggy Kapisovsky, Karen MacGillivray, Sheila McCandless, Jim Peavey, Bonnie Trigg.

**On Zoom:** Briana Coffin, Sandy and Ole Jaeger, Lisa Reece, Elaine Varney.

**Meeting Minutes:** 12/12/22 minutes previously approved and distributed.

**Updates**

- **Assistive Technology:** We will set up our display at Potluck Lunch on Saturday, February 18 at the Community Center. Jim will set up and Roger will assist during the lunch. The Working League interim meeting is February 28 and will also feature our assistive technology display, 10-12. Sheila and Karen will set up and be at the display to assist.
  
- **Emergency Contact System:** AFG worked with the Select Board, Town Office staff, GVFD, the Community Center and Five Islands Baptist Church to review the events and conditions around the substantial power outage in late December. Some residents were without power for a week or more. The group wanted to make sure that there are no residents left out of a check-in system, making sure they are safe and secure. It was agreed we would have an outreach campaign to find any residents that would like to be part of an Emergency Contact System, to provide a check in during a power outage or other dangerous circumstance. A flyer was created and distributed widely throughout town, emailed through various lists, and included on Facebook pages and websites.
  
- **Shredding Event:** We are working with AARP Maine and the Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec (AFCLK, a regional group consisting of the area towns, Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich) to hold a shredding event. It will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Bath Police Department parking lot. It is tentatively scheduled for 9am-1pm. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.



- **AFG Financial Status:** We have \$2,313.71 in our checking account. The only expenditure since last report was a \$250 reimbursement for Thanksgiving Basket expenses. We received one donation of \$50 in December.

### Old Business

- **Friends of Reid State Park:** The Park is closed for repairs to the bridge and construction of new ticket booth. Those in attendance thought that some sort of signage should have been placed at the Bath end of 127 to save people a trip who might not know of the closure. There is a notice on the Park's website.
- **Community Yard Sale:** We are planning to hold another yard sale this summer, likely in August to allow our summer friends to participate. Jim will check with the Fire Department to make sure we don't conflict with their plans for the auction. Miriam Nessett has agreed to lead the effort again this summer. She did a tremendous job last year getting everything planned organized and executed!

### New Business

- **Beach Mats for Handicap Access.** Access to the beach for those with limited mobility is very difficult, if not impossible, due to the inclines and sandy pathways. Because the sand dunes are protected, there are very limited options to create easier access to Mile Beach. Jim is working with Haylee Parsons, the Park Manager, to get the Friends of Reid State Park group operating and this will be one of the items of discussion. Elaine suggested that possibilities and funding for handicapped folks coming to the park might be explored through available grants.
- **Fundraising for Upcoming Gleaning Season:** Jim will do an email to the distribution list to request donations which can be made out the Age Friendly Georgetown, mailed to Jim Peavey, 99 Beaver Valley Rd. Georgetown 04548. Last year, we spent just over \$1,500 and expect expenses to be greater this year.



- **Alzheimer's Educational Presentations:** Susie Wren is a volunteer presenter through the Alzheimer's Association of Maine. She has offered to conduct one or more community education events for those interested on the topic of Alzheimer's. These will be hybrid event(s) to allow folks who aren't able or prefer to participate via Zoom. We will promote and partner with other groups in town. We are thinking late March to early April for the first presentation and will determine after that whether additional programs will be held. These will be done at the Historical Society.
- **De-Cluttering Seminar:** Jessie Graham's presentation and discussion was timely and well received for those in attendance in-person and via Zoom. Jessie suggested the possibility of Age Friendly members offering assistance to seniors in the community who might need help with the decluttering process.
- **Liability Insurance:** The current Town liability policy for volunteer activity only covers work done on Town property. This leaves out the work done by our Job Squad. We will now require Liability Waivers for all Job Squad projects. In addition, all Job Squad volunteers will need to sign a Waiver as well.
- **Possible Projects**
  - **Senior Center:** Although the idea of such a gathering place is a good one, consensus of those at the meeting indicated the enormity of such a project is not something we can tackle now. Making use of the GCC and informal meetings is always possible. Our Recreation Committee now presents Game Day at GCC and Pickle Ball in the Georgetown Central School Gym. Roger made a pitch for Bocce and is pursuing options for that. We will continue discussions on this at our next meeting.
  - **Firewood Bank:** Same as for the Senior Center, it is a major undertaking and not on our priority list at this time.

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2023**