

# Approved Minutes AIP Community Meeting, 4/10/19

Present: Ellen Ceppetelli, Ron Ceppetelli, Jan Cerabona, Gail Licciardello, Jean Paulantonio, Helen Sullivan, Nancy Boyce Shapleigh, Melissa Albert

48 residents of Eliot

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

- Ellen welcomed everyone and reviewed the purpose of the meeting.
- Committee members introduced themselves.
- Ellen reviewed the 1-page summary of the community wide survey that AIP committee conducted

Participants from the audience spoke with questions and suggestions. Some of them were as follows:

- ✓ Lack of transportation, especially if one cannot drive
- ✓ Lack of affordable housing
- ✓ Lack of adequate sidewalks and safety during walking
- ✓ How can local ordinances help
- ✓ Potential for social isolation
- ✓ Tax relief for seniors: possibility of income based property tax, vs values of property, and direct discounts for seniors
- ✓ Lack of community center, and the fact that eliot residents going to other towns and paying for activities such as “pickle ball.”
- ✓ The history of skate park on town land, but not town owned, and the fact that it is not utilized much
- ✓ Despite the microphones, it was difficult to hear everyone
- ✓ Residents from Southern Maine Agency on Aging and the Police Auxiliary spoke about service they can provide

Several people signed up on the volunteers list with specific activities they were willing to help with.

Ellen thanked everyone for coming and invited them to attend the next meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at which time we will begin to develop specific recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Licciardello, AIP Committee Secretary