

Aging-in-Place (AIP) Committee Meeting Minutes
Eliot, ME
11/21/19

Present: Ellen Ceppetelli, Ron Ceppetelli, Nedra Sahr, Gail Licciardello (by phone), Melissa Albert

Absent : Jean Paulantonio, Francis Thomas, Jack Murphy, Liz Castillo

1. **Minutes:** Motion made by Ron to approve the minutes of 10/17/19, seconded by Nedra, minutes accepted as presented.
2. **Updates:** **(1)** Ellen reviewed with the committee that a budget request of \$6,000 was submitted to the select Board, no formal vote **(2)** Ellen presented the proposal for a property tax relief program to the Select Board that agreed to support the development of a property tax relief ordinance for June 2020. **(3)** The revised Action Plan was sent to Patty Kimball for her review. **(4)** An update is due by 12/1/19 to the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) for the grant received to fund AIP notification of the spring town meetings.
3. **Action Plan Revisions: (Housing)** Discussion about timing of the enactment of the property tax relief ordinance. Melissa to check the charter on when the ordinance would be enacted. Ellen to speak with Dana about the timing of the ordinance. Progress could be measured by seeing how many people have the State of Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit and Homestead Exemption currently and in the future. The Housing Committee will define the ordinance and report back to AIP. Each AIP committee member will also be part of another committee. Discussion about the Housing Committee looking at expanding the current sq. footage for ADU's from the current 650 sq ft. limit. Also, suggestion was made to explore the current zoning to understand where ADU's are allowed. **(Transportation)** Goal: to increase the number of transportation options available as well as developing partnerships with other organizations and communities around transportation. Ellen and Melissa created a list of volunteers interested in AIP opportunities. **(Outdoor Spaces and Buildings)** Goal: Conduct walk audit. New goal: Assess current status of public spaces for walkability/ bicycles and pedestrian safety. Eliminate reference to "create a safe zone on Main St.". Action step: Objective #1: Conduct a walking audit to assess and document the ways in which Eliot's physical and natural environment encourage or discourage walking and biking. Goal #2 Take out "the creation of additional pickleball courts" to "increase the # of individuals that participate in recreational activities. **(Communication and Information)** Objective #1: Assess current status of information available in order to develop a comprehensive communication plan. This will be measured by an increase in the number of people coming to AIP for assistance and referrals.

4. **Committee Membership:** Discussion about the creation of the 4 committees and on which committee each AIP member would like to participate. Nedra- Communications, Ron- Communications, Gail-Open Spacesand Buildings, and Ellen-Housing. Discussion about starting the Housing and Communication Committees now and how to recruit members and leaders for these committees. Ellen to contact the missing AIP Committee members to see which committee they would like to join. Ellen will send out an email to all the volunteers asking them about which committee they might like to join and will follow up with a phone call.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Nedra at 5:27pm to adjourn, seconded by Ron.
6. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting December 19 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Saunders