



Aging In Place Committee

Town of Eliot, Maine

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2022

I. Call to order

AIP Chair Ellen Ceppetelli called the August meeting of the Aging In Place (AIP) Committee at Eliot Town Hall and on the Town's OWL live feed to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

Attendees included (in person) Ellen Ceppetelli, Michele Meyer, Maureen Clark.

Absent: Melissa Layman, Ann Lukejord, Nedra Sahr, Michael Thompson, and Karen Tomanino.

Guests include Town Planner Jeff Brubaker and Brad Swanson, chair, Eliot Capital Improvement Committee

III. Approval of Minutes

As there was no quorum, the approval of the July Minutes will take place at the September meeting.

IV. Order of Business

A. Treasurer's Report

As there was no quorum, July Treasurer's Report will occur at the September meeting.

B. Chair Update

The Chair reported that without a quorum, members would not vote on any business.

The Chair welcomed scheduled guest Brad Swanson, chair of the town's Capital Improvement Committee, to present and take questions and comments about plans to renovate and expand town hall. Of note, all agreed moving the Community Service Department to Town Hall will be a plus, making it easier to plan with the department on events and programs for older residents. Everyone also liked the inclusion of a drive-through window so those with challenges in terms of getting into the building can easily conduct town business from their vehicles. Brad underscored that the renovated, expanded town hall will be 100% ADA compliant. Discussion and comments centered on creating space for older residents (and all residents) to meet for programs, such as AIP's Creative Connection workshops, as well as exercises events, veterans' gatherings,

speakers, and other reasons to gather. Discussion included whether or not to have a dedicated “senior space” or a space that would be dedicated for resident use whether seniors or other age groups. AIP members noted that many residents only come to town hall to pay bills or other such town business, and even fulfilling those obligations may be done online. As such, it would be great to see an active, vibrant town hall used by residents for other reasons. Members noted that the expansion and renovation will help to better define Eliot’s town center with key services along State Road, including the library, fire department, police department, Hammond Park, skating rink/pond, and now the soon-to-open Maine Market where residents can get a cup of coffee and enjoy social time. Members agreed that this is a key part to the town’s restarting after Covid and that it would be good to see local groups, boards, committees, and others communicating to residents a shared vision of how best to use town hall to enrich our lives. Brad ended his presentation by inviting members to email additional thoughts to him.

In other business, the Chair said that AIP member involvement in the town’s Comprehensive Plan will include Nedra on the topic of transportation, Ann on recreation, parks, and public spaces, and Ellen on housing. Ellen will also be participating in upcoming AARP webinars on housing. Jeff Brubaker shared that on September 6, 2022, at 6pm, Paul Shoemaker will address the Eliot Planning Board about the Maine housing bill.

Ann arrived just before the meeting adjourned and shared information about COAST non-profit transportation and the requirements for bringing their transportation services to Eliot which would include understanding the transportation services that need to be met and participation financially by the town.

The Chair noted that the August/September newsletter did not need to be voted on and could be distributed to AIP’s email and mail list.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 pm.

Ann Lukejord

September 15, 2022

Secretary

Date of approval



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Treasurer's Report for August 2022 to be reviewed September 15, 2022

Arts & Humanities Funds:

Balance: \$1724.72

Town Budget Funds:

Balance: \$1500.00

Total: \$3224.72

Submitted by: Melissa Layman, Treasurer