

Introduction to Eliot Aging in Place Committee Community Survey and Results

This introduction is provided by the Aging in Place Committee (AIP) to assist Eliot residents in understanding the four documents posted on the Town of Eliot Website that relate to the recent community assessment survey and its outcomes. The survey, distributed by hard copy and available online from June 2018 through November 2018, was completed by 330 residents.

The survey was based on the AARP Maine Guide Community Assessment Survey that was developed to measure the eight domains of a community that contribute to its livability, health and well-being of all citizens. These domains include: 1) outdoor spaces and buildings, 2) transportation, 3) housing, 4) social participation, 5) respect and social inclusion 6) civic participation and employment, 7) communication and information, and 8) community support and health services.

The survey itself is the first document. The second document is a one-page summary of the outcomes. The third document is a PowerPoint presentation analysis of outcomes that was presented at the AIP December 2018 meeting. The final document includes responses and comments from the 330 participants.

This information was presented to the Eliot Select Board on January 24, 2019. It is now posted on the town of Eliot website so that all residents have an opportunity to review the results and consider areas for improvement.

The Aging in Place Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6 PM at the Seacoast Waldorf School. Refreshments will be served while the Committee members listen to your ideas. More information about this public meeting will be provided in future postings. Committee members join me in encouraging Eliot residents to attend this public meeting. We want to have as many of you as possible help us to make recommendations that will enhance Eliot's livability and assist residents to remain in place here as they age.

A second public meeting is planned for May 22 at which time the committee will engage residents in developing an action plan. While the focus of this assessment was initially the elders among us, the committee has learned that improving the livability of a community is good for all of us regardless of where we are on the aging spectrum!

If you missed the survey, don't miss this opportunity to join us on April 10! If you need assistance with transportation to attend the public meeting on April 10, please contact Melissa Albert at (207) 439-1813 X108 or malbert@eliotme.org

I look forward to seeing you on April 10 at the Seacoast Waldorf School!

Sincerely,



Ellen Ceppetelli, Eliot Aging In Place Committee