

Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging
June 26, 2018

Members present: Rick Davidson, Sandy Boyle, Linda Habif, Cheryl Harris, Anne Cunningham, Cindy Fleming

No members of the community attended.

Meeting came to order at 10:02 AM.

Minutes reviewed: corrections on names as follows:

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| Susan Marks | Maria Santner |
| Bob Smart | Jane Luke |
| Scott Cunningham | Maureen & Bill Elliott |
| Robin Waters | Dick & Hazel Gauley |
| Rick Fleming | Roberta McCarthy |
| Jean Marshall | Judy & Dallas Fuller |
| Margie Amico | Sandi Leader |
| Phyllis Drake | Bob & Linda Dupuis |
| Susan C Hoople | Pat Hatfield |
| Glen & Bobbi MacCracken | Sylvia Carney |
| John Shipman | Peg Scully |
| Marcia Trook | Diane Claveau |
| Bonnie & Paul Elie | Jerry Knirk |
| Camilla Spence | Nancy Essex |
| Lee Fritz | Nadine Chapman |
| Paul & Donna Tung | Carol McIntyre |
| Neal Boyle | |

No other corrections or changes—Cindy moved to approve with name corrections, approved by group.

Interviews with citizens who have left Freedom: compiling a list of folks that we are aware have left or are leaving.

Questions to be used in interviews based on those that Anne submitted early in our meetings. Decided that outreach should be with someone who knows them to make them comfortable. Most of interviews will be done by Anne, Sandy and Linda.

BOS sent a letter (attached) to Gibson Center regarding our participation in the AARP Age Friendly Community, represented by Rick, with Cindy as an alternate.

Open discussion about how often the need for a senior center came up during focus groups but a site is problematic. School is not available during the winter and the store was an unofficial senior center but not used as it had been in the past. Town hall is a possibility but the furnishings mentioned by folks (couches, comfortable chairs, etc) could not be used there. The Gibson Center provides a meal once a month to Madison; if we were to set this up, would need a suitable site. Likely that this would be needed more in winter than during the summer.

One of the frequently mentioned actions would be the coordinator who would be a POC for resources, social and other activities. Communication of resources is critical. Suggestion that whatever we recommend be funded by grant to see if well received and actually meets needs before asking for town funding—agreed to by group. Hopefully AARP can help with grant writing.

Important that there be information sharing with all Freedom community members—especially shut ins and seasonal folks.

Rick will ask George or Charlie from the Gibson Center to discuss how we should get started and invite one or the other to come to the next meeting.

We may need to coordinate with local communities to provide enough for a full-time position for a coordinator etc.

Cheryl to reach out to Monadnock about a job description.

Cindy will reach out to the state for resources for towns and any job descriptions.

Linda will reach out to Bowdoinham ME program.

Next meeting July 16 3 PM:

Corrections will appear in future minutes.

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Update on Monadnock Regional Program, Bowdoinham ME programs
Gibson Center information sharing
Grant Information (Cindy)
Update on interviews conducted
Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Harris, Recorder