

Minutes
Age Friendly Millinocket
Council Chambers/Zoom
July 21st, 2020
5:00pm

Attendance:

Cody McEwen (Chair), Jane Danforth (Thrive Penobscot/MRH), Robin Stevens (Thrive Penobscot/MRH), Matt DeLaney (Millinocket Memorial Library), Shelly Blaisdell (Mobilize Katahdin)

Meeting called to order by Chair McEwen at 5:00pm.

I. Review of previous meetings minutes.

No changes.

II. Update on Age Friendly Community Challenge Grant 2020.

- Cody will share the email sent from the AARP on the Challenge grant to the committee.
- Jane shared info on the Challenge Grant from the National AARP call last week.
- Committee reviewed deliverables from submitted application - Cody will email the full application out to the committee to review.

Deliverable 1: Age-Friendly committee will review AARP's Complete Streets information and resources available on the website to become more knowledgeable of the work of other communities and potential strategies to consider for Millinocket. July 2020.

Deliverable 2: Age-Friendly committee will consult with local officials, Maine DOT, and Bicycle Coalition of Maine to assist planning and develop cost centers of project deliverables and determine efficient expenditure of grant funds. Start date: July/August following grant award.

Deliverable 3: Implement high visibility bike lanes in town located along main routes and heavy traffic areas. Consult with Bicycle Coalition of Maine and local public safety. Date TBD based on events being held (or not) and recruitment of volunteers to paint lanes, if determined feasible.

Deliverable 4: Install temporary-use DOT approved crossings or speed bumps during events or heavy summer traffic in congested pedestrian areas. Consult with Maine DOT and local public safety on implementation and storage of equipment. Dates TBD based on state and local COVID guidelines for community events.

Deliverable 5: Provide portable hygiene stations for use during community events for individuals to be able to participate safely. Will be consulting with local public safety to implement according to CDC guidelines. Date: TBD- Status of any community events is unknown at this time while monitoring COVID-19.

-Jane mentioned the project deadline is December 18th. Cody - Is it possible to extend, will contact and see due to COVID.

- Loop in Patricia. The committee needs to review the Complete Street Assessment to determine how to expend funds and meet deliverables by September.

-Reconnect with Will from BikeMaine and Mike BikeMaine/OSI to ask about their plans and coordination with this program.

-Jane/Matt Can high visibility paint and traffic calming be used around the library for parking/sidewalk safety? Matt will look at property, mentions included ADA parking.

-Need to connect with DOT and town on traffic calming measures - this is the basis of our application. Can we use traffic calming measures for the Marathon or for Library traffic, or other locations. We will need to refer to the Complete Streets Assessment.

-Outside dining is something we could look into as well. Parklets - utilizing 2 parking spaces to make an outside dining area for a local restaurant.

-Matt asked if any planning had been done in CDBG? Cody - The town was awarded the grant for \$300,000. Mostly for Veteran's Park improvements – bench clusters, improved electrical infrastructure, repaving paths. We hope to also get a Northern Border Economic and Infrastructure grant for improved sidewalks to continue walkability improvements through mainstreet.

III. Update on Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant program.

- Jane reviewed the basis of the award for transportation subsidy through Penquis.
- The town received \$2,500 for the grant project.
- Shelly mentioned that the Penquis/Lynx service has not stopped running through COVID as it was deemed essential.
- Robin mentioned we were working on a flyer for advertising the service. We need to get the flyer recirculated
- Application determined we focused the project for the tri town area Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway.
- Cody will send out an email from Laura Lee about the grant award status.

IV. Mobilize Katahdin Update

98 total requests since the start of MK on 3/16/20

26 Hannaford grocery gift cards (\$25.00 value each) given out

20 Irving Gasoline gift cards (\$25.00 value each) given out

5 Organizational requests granted (food pantries/501c3 agencies)-\$500.00 per

\$722.41 spent purchasing groceries (Ellis's Markets) for patrons

\$1,318.50 spent on heating fuel requests

Approximately 80 boxes of food from local food pantries donated to our patrons at a value of approximately \$5,500.00+ (\$75.00 per box X 80 boxes of food = \$6,000.00)

2 Phone Buddies in Millinocket currently maintaining a phone friendship

We had 51 volunteers sign up since we started; currently have 30 active volunteers (returned signed paperwork and are available) making deliveries of food and medicine.

- Shelly mentioned that East Millinocket is sharing info about Mobilize Katahdin in their utility bills. Is it possible for Millinocket to do something similar.
- Cody mentioned it has been brought up in the past on how we could share town information in tax bill mailings and this may be a good use for that.
- The committee needs to get more information out there. Can we utilize Facebook for notices in age friendly events and involvement?

The next Age Friendly Millinocket meeting date is TBD. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.