



Age Friendly Millinocket

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

2:00pm

Millinocket Memorial Library/ Zoom

Purpose Statement: *The Millinocket Age-Friendly Committee advocates for services, supports and infrastructure that meets the needs of our residents in all stages of life. (Adopted 3.16.22)*

In attendance: Jane Danforth, AF Chair, Project Director Thrive Penobscot/MRH; Louis Pelletier, AF Vice Chair/Town Councilor; Robin Stevens, Project Assistant/ Thrive Penobscot/ MRH; Tom Malcolm, Code Enforcement Officer and Health and Life Safety Officer, Town of Millinocket; Peter Jamieson, Town Manager (Zoom); Tracey Perry, Katahdin Collaborative Initiatives Director; Larissa Heanssler, EAAA Community Ambassador (Zoom); Stephanie Jamieson, Aging and Disability Resource Specialist/ EAAA(Zoom); Michele McInnis, Community Development Coordinator, Our Katahdin; Diana Furukawa, Director, Millinocket Memorial Library; Barbara Riddle- Dvorak, Volunteer; Randy Jackson, Breaking the Cycle and Boreal Theater; and Jon Cote, Fire Chief/EMA Director, Town of Millinocket.

Welcome

- 1) Meeting minutes from March 11, 2025, were approved.
- 2) Michele gave an update on plans for Earth Day, April 22 from 9-12pm
 - Thank you, Diana, for the flyer that is out on social media and in the Town newsletter. As a result, have had a lot of positive response.
 - Volunteers are asked to meet at the Rec Complex at 9:00am to get organized, or they may go directly to the area they plan to help clean up at 9:30am (as some volunteers are pre-assigned to certain areas.)
 - Outer Reach Broadband will be there with T-shirts for volunteers that include our logo!
 - Bobbie Allen has some volunteers meeting up with her on the Michaud Trail.
 - Living Innovations has committed to cleaning up the Community Garden in Crandall Park.
 - Nick Cullen reached out and will be bringing the baseball and softball teams.
 - KLP learning project has vacation camp and will participate and meet at the Rec Complex / Playground area- they have a hard stop at 11:30am.
 - Jerry Pond is dependent on the road condition- only if it is dried up enough to be open.

- Bryan, Public Works Director, heard from Mike Carroll with the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) and they are donating work gloves.
- Tom is taking care of the food- will start out with 200 hot dogs knowing he can go back to Rideout's if more are needed. Has napkins. Will also get rolls, water, and chips. Will get them on Monday. Michele has condiments left over from the Snowdown. Have hot chocolate left over too, if the weather calls for it.
- Freedom Riders are coming in to do the cooking, clean up and serving of the hotdogs.
- Diana has a portable sign, and Robin has one ready to direct people to the Rec Complex.
- Looking for guidance from Public Works on tasks needed to be tackled.... Raking, picking up trash, sweeping, etc. Trash bags will be provided
- Peter plans to be at Dog Park to help with clean-up.
- Diana will be stationed as a point person at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Will rely on email communication to provide updates as the event day gets closer.

3) Farmers' and Artisans' Market Update

- First Saturday of the month, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4 from 9am-1pm
- \$40 for season/ \$10per
- Flyer has been updated and is being circulated
- Barbara reported that she is pushing to get farmers involved and has heard from a vendor that does goat milk products, also jewelry and pottery vendor(s)
- Tracey volunteered to help with creating a photo booth for this season, an idea that Barbara suggested for hikers that finish the Appalachian Trail. Tracey will be reaching out to students to create a mural. Diana has a student in mind that does murals to connect Tracey with.
- Tracey wondered about reaching out to the business, Magic City Bread Dough, to see if they would be interested in having a booth.
- The Craft Fair contact person would be a good one to connect with... Barbara Michaud's and Nadine McGibbon's names were mentioned. Perhaps can get some interest generated from that group.
- Tom asked if the AF committee would agree to go in half with the events committee to fund the porta potty at Veteran's Memorial Park again this year. Consensus was, YES!

4) Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Alarm Installation and Home Safety Survey Program- Chief Cote gave an update

- This program kicked off Monday, April.
 - Currently have 8- 10 names of people that have reached out so far
 - The Lincoln News is running a story this week to promote the program
 - Randy suggested getting it on the Town's bulletin board- out in front of the building. Plus get more flyers out in the community such as at St. Martin's Thrift Store.
 - FMI call the Millinocket Fire Department at 723-7026

- Many thanks to the Community Connections Grant from Lifelong Maine for this opportunity.

5) Stamp out Hunger- Saturday, May 10th – USPS program

- <https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive>
- Jane shared past experience with this effort and offered to put an Ad in the paper to create more awareness and as a reminder to the community about the food drive
- Diana will create an Ad for us.
- Tracey offered to look into this and share information with us as to how we can assist with this effort.

6) Member Updates

- Barbara shared that the Maine State Treasurer (Joe Perry) would be at Boreal Theater Monday night (4/14) to explain his job/ hold an information session and hear local concerns. It is 6-7pm, Capacity is 45, so need to sign up. Charlie Pray is moderating this event.
- Larissa gave an update on EAAA- The Healthy Aging Expo is being held on Thursday May 22 at the Anah Shriners, 1404 Broadway Bangor, from 10-2pm. Good place to learn about resources available in the greater Bangor Region. But may be available in our area, too.
- Tom mentioned that the Sand Bucket Program was supposed to end April 1st but because of the weather is still responding to requests for refills (numbers are at 65 with 61 individuals getting their bucket refilled more than once). The program kept Tom busy this winter!
- Tom shared that this Sunday (4/13), Outer Reach Broadband is doing an Easter Egg Hunt from 11-1pm at Veteran's Park. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be taken, too. Tom will send the flyer to the group.
- Tracey shared that the Maine Trail Program launched, and the bond program (including municipalities too) went through- applications are opening up and due in September. Will send out information.
- Tracey is part of the Moving Maine Initiative and will send out information to this group. They are looking for people to testify on two bills they are championing around improving transportation. 1) An Act to strengthen coordination for community transportation and 2) an Act to improve MaineCare transportation. People can provide testimony in writing or in person (in Augusta).
- Jane shared that we've completed three years of our Action Plan and its time for a progress report and updated Action Plan. Will be working with the committee to identify priorities going forward and to capture data for the report.

7) Next meeting date was set for May 13 @ 2pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:46pm