

**Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025**

- I. Attendance: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Ben Weisner, Frank Pippin, Bill and Tina Eugley, Sally Gagnon, Donna Wallace, Dana Morrell and Stan Harmon. Absent: Belinda Gerry, Cindy Larrabee, Diane Vincent, Bob Cavanagh
- II. Meeting opened at 5:33 p.m. with the review of the August 12th minutes. Motion to accept by Frank Pippin. Second by Ben Weisner. All in favor.
- III. Balloon Festival Summary: This year's festival was a good success. There was good weather on Friday and Saturday, and rain on Sunday. We bought 600 hot dogs but only sold 375. The remainder was taken to the senior center to be used by the seniors. The price of the soda went up to \$8.00/case. We had ten (10) cases left and were able to sell them to Roy's Foodland for \$300.00. A few sodas are left from the Balloon Festival and the band concerts and taken to the senior center to be sold to the seniors for \$1.00 each. The festival was not busy in the mornings, but at the meeting we were told that they wanted us there, busy or not. Leroy told the Balloon Festival committee that signs are needed at the entrance directing people to the various vendors with arrows. Dana suggested having an Age-Friendly banner for the table. Leroy said that we are going to get a sandwich board sign. The city let us purchase a larger hot dog steamer which holds 175 hot dogs and 80 rolls.
- IV. Lobster Feed – Saturday, September 13, 2025 – 27 tickets have been sold. We will order the clam bakes on Wednesday. Tina, Leroy and Jan will be available to be at the senior center on the 13th for set up and serving. If anyone needs a ticket, have them call Tina or Jan.
- V. Lunch & Learns – October 21st – Seniors Plus will be our speaker at 11:30. Subject: Medicare Open Enrollment and Scams. Lunch: Pizza from Little Caesars at 12:00. Movie: "Vacation" at 12:30. Popcorn will be served for the movie.
- VI. Clothing Give-Away scheduled for October 19th has been postponed till the third week of January (18th), if the building is available, with set-up on the 17th. We will rent a truck.
- VII. Open Session:
 - A. Ben Weisner wants to host recording sessions at the Auburn Library for veterans who want to tell their stories. He has put out feelers to find potential recorders. There is a lot of interest. Recordings will be done one at a time. The library attorney will be asked to write up a waiver for all recorders to sign. Bill Eugley asked if there could be a list of possible ideas of what the recorder could talk about.
 - B. Donna Wallace reported that there will be a Community Block Party on Saturday, September 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. There will be food trucks and dessert.

Also there will be the final Art Walk of the season for Marjorie Schuller's paintings on September 26th from 5:00 p.m. to dusk in the park across from the courthouse near Androscoggin Bank (Dufresne Park.)

L-A Senior Collete will host speakers on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Book Group will meet at the senior center. Sixteen (16) people are signed up.

- C. Dana reported that Seniors Plus is building a new kitchen for Meals on Wheels. They are currently being prepared in a much smaller kitchen. The building will have a computer lab and education center and will cover how to recognize scams.
- D. Stan Harmon talked about a "House Title Scam" where people are making a fake deed with a fake notary seal in order to steal people's property.
- E. An updated needs assessment survey was passed around for all members to fill out and return.

VIII. Motion to adjourn by Frank Pippin. Second by Ben Weisner. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Biron, Secretary