

Swampscott for All Ages Committee Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2023

Attendees: Michele Audet, Alyce Deveau, Marzie Galazka, Patricia Hines, Jenn Nisbet, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Heidi Whear

Absent: Kevin Breen, Joan McCormack, Bob Powell, Bill Quinn, Sue Sussman

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

Minutes from May 24, 2023 approved.

Caregiver Conference Review

Based on the feedback, the committee will plan a future conference with adjustments to the format. Four of the presentations from the conference were video taped and will be posted online. Opportunities will be explored to replay at upcoming meetings followed by discussions.

Domain Updates

Housing: The amended ADU bylaw that recently passed at Town Meeting is under review by the MA Attorney General's office. Permits will be retroactive but developers are advised to wait until AG approval of the bylaw. Work on design guidelines for the Vinnin Square redevelopment project will start in the next fiscal year, after July 1, 2023.

Transportation: H. Whear is submitting applications for two grants (versus the previously reported three grants due to staffing shortage at the Senior Center). One of the grants would support a rideshare program for members of the Senior Center. The other grant would support community outreach on climate action, focusing on composting.

Outdoor Space and Buildings: The committee was advised to explore opportunities to coordinate with the Open Spaces and Recreation Plan Committee on walkability projects.

Social Participation: Seaglass Village and SfAA Committee will have a display at the Swampscott Farmers Market on Sunday, June 25. Members were encouraged to assist A. Deveau staffing the table.

Civic Participation and Employment: Ideas to encourage civic participation were brainstormed, including: A public forum featuring the work of all town committees and an ideas forum.

Community and Health Services: The Housing Authority held a Meet the Neighborhood event at Duncan Terrace on June 23 to introduce residents to local services. A. Deveau and H. Whear represented Seaglass Village and the Senior Center. Unfortunately, resident participation was low.

The dementia social day program at the senior center has been successful and currently has a wait list. Opportunities to regionalize the program are being researched. Dementia-friendly training of town employees continues and solutions to issues, such as overtime pay for attendance at training programs, are being addressed.

Communication and Information: J. Nesbit has a graphic design program to make flyers to help communicate committee programs and activities.

Respect and Inclusion: Potential projects include car pooling to get more people to participate in civic events.

Other Business: Next meeting: July 19, breakfast meeting at Swampscott Senior Center. Exact time TBD.

Adjourn: 6:55 pm