

Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

In Attendance: Members: Steve, Donna, Diane, Ann, Gay, Al, Peg, Peter

Select Board Representative: Amy Haile

Guests: Rachel Whitmarsh and Judy Potter

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Minutes: Diane moved, Gay seconded approval of the Minutes of the September meeting. Minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business

Story Walk - Diane reported the success of the Opening Celebration of SW with the author of our first book in attendance as well as Kelly Greenlee, Outreach Librarian from Prince Memorial Library. Kelly remarked how impressed she was with how quickly we moved from brainstorming the idea of a Story Walk to having the Opening Event, which was well attended. Jackie and Jackson of the WHCC have taken the responsibility of changing the story each month. There is now a Thanksgiving story. Peter asked how the Story Walk will be promoted; Diane said she will ask Jackie to add this to other events she promotes at the Community Center.

Kite Festival - Steve reported that this was a well attended, very successful event. The Fire Department and Historical Society provided food. Many thanks to Maria who painted many faces! Steve and Diane Morrison assisted with the making of 75 - 80 kites! A great time was had by all who attended!

New Business

EDSC Request - Steve recommended that we as individuals respond to Kit Maloney's invitation regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Story Walk - Phase 2 - Diane will research what work would be required to make the Story Walk trail more accessible and report to an upcoming meeting. Peter will do some research; Amy Haile reminded us the Town will need to be part of these conversations and actually apply for any grants we want to consider. Steve recommends we consider looking at the bigger picture regarding having an accessible trail for the Story Walk since there are accessible trails at Skyline Farm and in Cumberland.

Volunteer List - We are wondering how effective the Volunteer List is as it was created a couple years ago. We only got 2 volunteers for Kite Festival from Ann's email request to the 120 people on the list. Ann also sent an email to the those on the Volunteer list for Jackie looking for volunteers for the Trunk or Treat event and will ask Jackie if that request brought any volunteers. Ann will also ask Jackie if she would like to "take" the Volunteer list to use for her volunteer needs at WHCC.

Transportation in North Yarmouth - The Age-Friendly Committee in Cumberland has hired an employee (Devin) to arrange rides for people. Steve has learned there are 4 North Yarmouth residents who use that ride program regularly. Steve will call Devin to learn more about the Cumberland transportation program.

Amy Haile is the North Yarmouth Representative on the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Parks and Rec Advisory Board; they are meeting later this month and Amy will bring information back to our next meeting.

Traffic Calming - Al Ahlers brought continued concern about drivers' speed on North Road. There was improvement while the traffic monitors were in place, but as soon as they were removed, drivers returned to driving too fast! LWNY shares Al's concern about speeding cars in town. Will LWNY be involved in any way to assist in extending traffic calming to other areas of the Town? Is the "Town" planning to do any further work on reducing speed in North Yarmouth? Amy Haile will take this concern to the Select Board.

Rail to Trails Event - Peg Leonard shared there is a Public Hearing planned by the Rail Use Advisory Council - December 5 from 6:00 - 8:00 at Greely High School Center for the Arts. This is an opportunity for the public to provide input to the RUAC. The options being considered are:

- rail use (continue to preserve for future use)
- rail with trail
- trail until rail (remove rail and convert to interim trail)

The September 29 event was not a forum. It was called the "Casco Bay Trail Alliance Reception" to celebrate the trails progress and inform attendees of next steps in the process. More than 120 people attended with a large contingent of North Yarmouth residents.

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/ruac/parac/meetings/index.shtml>

Chair of LWNY Committee - Steve is ready to step out of role of Chair but will remain on the Committee. He has asked the rest of us to think about moving in to the role that Steve has served so well! Big shoes to fill, I would say! Thank you, Steve!

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Dec 13, 6:30 PM, Community Center

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Dillon