

Age-Friendly Sullivan MINUTES, Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 9a-10a, Sullivan Town Office

	Topic	Discussion	Action
8:30am	sign-in, social & refreshments	Allie, Mike, Raina, Don, Jeanne, Candy	Regrets: Cynthia, Trudy, Andrea, Nadine
9am	Guest Speaker:	<p>Allie Nolan, MDI/Ellsworth Housing Authority Public housing on island, voucher program, Section 8 - off-island/ Sullivan/Hancock; One site in Ellsworth, several on MDI - elderly/ disabled - income</p> <p>Acadia Community Association - Meals On Wheels, graceful aging, Comfortably Home (2019) grant MHA, 1x safety accessibility upgrade, low cost high impact, shower, levers, grab bars, smoke & CO detectors, gather interest in Sullivan — do a few homes, no cost-through grant, over 55, own home or relative, meet income guidelines, only income, not assets, Allie & maintenance technician - homeowner drive - what they need, develop work plan, after work plan settled, Housing authority maintenance staff, hire contractors, materials & labor covered. Refer to other programs. Furnace cleanings. Average repairs \$2500 or less. DCP offers bigger repairs - long wait list. Switched out oil tanks. Ideally safety small issues. Outside railing for stairs. Wait for clients to direct needs. Threshold replacements. Shower chair/ wand. Extra railings. Maine Housing grant. Paperwork easy, statistics, care plan reviewed by home owner or relative, income - self-certification.</p>	<p>Resources? Tradespeople?</p> <p>Home Owners? 3 or 4 to start</p> <p>Poster AFS board</p> <p>Distribute info cards to Gouldsboro Clinic</p> <p>Sullivan (priority) / Sorrento residents only</p>
	Funding & Finance:	no updates	

Community Organization Updates:	<p>Frenchman Bay Library Sorrento-Sullivan Historical Society - closed for season, access by appointment, through website/FB — Hawk Henries at Granite Garden — hypnotic. Sullivan-Sorrento Recreation Center - back to full activity level, beano/auctions/events, Thrift Store booming - 50/50 Rec Center / Animal welfare fund — lack of room. Spent \$5K on misc repairs, improved kitchen, plumbing repairs, generator fully in-service, quotations for A/C, tentative line of credit TD Bank, move into fall/winter renovation program</p>	
Announcements/Updates	<p>Events: 10/23 benefit supper - Dereck Connors 4:30-7p, Rec Center — dinner, raffles, donations, etc.</p>	
Announcements/Updates	<p><u>Friends of Taunton Bay; Taunton Bay Education Center</u> events: Our friends at Friends of Taunton Bay are hosting two guided hikes this fall! Visit their website for more information or to register. October 21 @ 11:00 am — limit of 15 Mushroom Walk with David Porter November 3 @ 2:00 pm - limit of 15 Moss and Lichen Walk at Taft Point Preserve</p>	
Announcements/Updates	<p><u>Frenchman Bay Conservancy</u> Events: FBC's third annual Pumpkin Hike will be held on Thursday, October 28 & Friday, October 29, 2021! Join us at Jordan Homestead Preserve to walk the trail & vote for your favorite jack o'lantern. Costumes highly recommended! Due to limited parking, we are requiring registration for this event. There will be time slots available at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00pm on Thursday October 28 and on Friday, October 29. Go to events page to register</p> <p>Join us at Tidal Falls Preserve in Hancock on Sunday, October 24 from 1-4pm to help us carve pumpkins for the Pumpkin Hike! Pumpkins (some pre-gutted!) and carving kits will be supplied. FBC staff will transport your pumpkin to the Pumpkin Hike to be displayed on the trail! No registration required. This event & the Pumpkin Hike are free & open to the public. We kindly recommend a gift to FBC to support outdoor events & programs like this one!</p>	

	Legislation / Civic Engagement	District re-alignment - census late in numbers; extend deadline to end of September, 10 minutes notice after the fact; Sullivan out of House District 136; inland district. (Email) Letter-writing campaign over the weekend.	
	Current Discussion & Project Updates:	Friendly Caller program / Circle of Friends (cards): Andrea will be in touch when she returns 10/17.	
		Walking Trail: Kevin Barbee - build the trail? fill in the dirt on the old skating pond. Don mowed path again, Kevin has bobcat. Bench (Kathy) - in honor of Peg Walker. Ultimate goal to extend trails through the woods.	
		Community Garden: Successful season!	
	Ideas for future speakers?	Talk about fish farm aquaculture - keep up with developments Ellsworth American reporter Contact with USDA / U Maine Salmon / Aquaculture Research facility Other ideas?	
	Next meeting	November 3: TBD	