

Age-Friendly Sullivan Livable Communities, **Minutes** - Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 9a-10a, Sullivan Town Office

	Topic	Discussion	Action
8:30am	Refreshments / Social	Meeting will begin at 9am; Kelly, Cyndi, Don, Candy, Jeanne, Christina, Barbara, Diana, Beth, Elizabeth Moriarity (Sorrento)	Regrets: Andy, Nadine
9am	Guest Speakers:	<p>Kelly Brown, The Next Step, speaking on exploitation and abuse. - 18 yrs experience;; TNS has free legal representation available; DV does not go away with age, added barriers with age, “I depend on this person to.....”; TNS shelter available, requires physical capacity, self-transportation to get needs met; when in a longer relationship = more investment; if need to move (only bring 2 bags of belongings, cannot tell anyone where, can call support to let them know where safe); group living situation; not easy to “just leave”; scenarios; over 50% homicides are DV; safety planning; being afraid of leaving (unknown is terrifying); protection orders, child custody situations, legal services, shelter, apartment buildings, support groups (ZOOM) - 4 full-time groups; HOTLINE training (44 hours); if seeking child support from DHHS and have experienced DV, they will not require parental support name. Power & Control wheel - violence could be MH issue; reactive violence; coercive pattern of behavior (not 1 time incident); TNS Resource Centers in Bangor & Machias; transitional housing; confidential shelters; 65% through state & federal sources, Fund-raiser - Great Lumberjack Show 10/7th Timber Tina</p>	<p>Posters in the bathroom at Town Office, SSRC,</p> <p>Volunteers for hotline, other services</p> <p>Legal services for the elderly</p> <p>THANK YOU Kelly and TNS for keeping these services available through Hancock & Washington counties.</p>
	Current Discussion & Project Updates:	<p>June is Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month</p> <p>“Dementia Adventure Downeast” partnership with Frenchman’s Bay Library</p> <p>UNE Food Security Project in September</p> <p>Jeanne: Housing program - heating system repair & replacement through DCP, if low-income, evaluation, retrofits, cleanings & repairs, including chimney repair; Comfortably Home</p>	<p>See info below:</p> <p>Webinar, Older Adult Substance Abuse & Suicide - 6/22 1p-2p ZOOM</p>

	Financial	AFS Warrant Article \$6,000 (final walking trail expense); AFS Budget \$5000; AARP grant 6/28/23 \$3000; UNE COA grant \$500	
	Community Organization Updates:	Frenchman's Bay Library - PRIDE display, LGBTQ Sorrento-Sullivan Historical Society - Summer programs, clean space, Sullivan-Sorrento Recreation Center - candidate format, auction 6/17, family dance 6/39 5-9, yoga on Tue/Thurs 9-10 FREE (starts tomorrow)	SSRC Annual meeting 6/22 at 6pm
	Civic Engagement:	<p>6/13: 8a-8p Election - RSU24 budget ratification vote 6/21: 6pm FBL Select Board Candidate Forum, Rec Center 6/26: noon-6pm Election - Select Board (2 openings) 6/26: 7pm Sullivan Annual Town Meeting</p> <p>Taxation Committee: Replace property tax stabilization program with increased eligibility for tax deferral (lien) and increase PTFC property tax fairness credit refunds (income up to \$100k/credit up to \$2K) - must file tax returns</p>	<p>6/13 NO Bone Builders</p> <p>Ballot clerks needed: contact Yvette Grindle</p>
	Announcements/Updates	<p>6/03: 8a-11a Community Garden volunteer work day 6/06: 7-10a EAAA Monthly Food Distribution 6/20: 11:45a Birthday Cards for next month - open to everyone; welcome Christine Becker, IT support Tues/Thurs: 10-11:30 Bone Builders (has openings)</p>	<p>** graduation cards **</p> <p>EAAA back-up volunteer?</p>
	Agenda addition: Unexpected guest:	<p>Elizabeth Moriarity, Sorrento, joined the meeting at 9:30 to learn about the relationship between AFS and The Next Step. She expressed concern about the "I ❤️ Sumner" signs, and that the World Health Organization developed the model for the Age-Friendly network. A follow-up conversation continued after the meeting. She was not interested in providing her contact information, or being on our email distribution list. Although not a resident of Sullivan, she believes we should discontinue our relationship with WHO and AARP's network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.</p>	

