Age-Friendly Sullivan Livable Communities, **MINUTES**
Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, 9a-10a, at **Sullivan Town Office**

	Topic	Discussion	Action
8:30am	Refreshments / Social	Meeting will begin at 9am; Michael Fisher; Nadine Murphy; Jeanne Edwards; Beth Graham; Larissa Heanssler, Misty Gleason; Candy Eaton; Barbara Shannon	Regrets: Don Snoke; Cyndi Stanley; Andrea St. George Jones
9am	Guest Speaker:	Barbara Shanahan, Schoodic Scenic Byway — background 1998; Peter Drinkwater/Barbara belonged Route 1 Corridor committee in Machias; improve economic growth & tourism; Commissioner Melrose recommended becoming Scenic Byway; Towns of Sullivan/Gouldsboro/Winter Harbor supported Byway; State / National Scenic Byway; John Kelly, ANP planner; HCPC/ Jim Fischer; every 1/4 mile - scenic/different bodies of water; assets; historic buildings/sites (see old brochure); Larry Johannesburg; 1st Scenic Byways: Bar Harbor/Rangely/Old Canada highway; Bold Coast added last year; promote economic growth & safe roads; scenic views; conserve natural resources; encourage local support; partners: AFS, MCHT, ANP, FBC, Historical societies, municipalities, Byway starts Hancock side of bridge through US Rte 1 Sullivan to Rte 186 through Gouldsboro to Winter Harbor enter Schoodic Loop/ANP ends at junction 195/186 (29 miles) Accomplishments: $1.8m to create beautiful sites; 3 sites owned by DOT in Sullivan; use granite/local resources; bike hub in Winter Harbor; each scenic turnout - map where you are; signage - interpretive wealth of info; KidsQuest stations; Tidal Falls (another asset); Prospect Harbor - town office interpretive signage/history; improved Gordon's Wharf (building); moved watering trough into Sumner park; worked with SMHS/Pathways students & teachers; bus students to afterschool activities; Schoodic Outdoors brochure (10k); Long Cove Sinclair property acquired - partner FBC/MHCT; National Scenic Byway & Downeasters & Governor's awards for Kid Quest	Posters; maps presented; KidQuest brochures available Ober Cove - public access - clammers / kayaks

		What are we doing now? Grant to improve website; this year - waiting for announcement of grant proposals; improve Rec Center; relates to existing building; improve landscaping in front; another site plan for parking; only 60 days to submit proposal; State will propose one large grant for 3-4 Maine Byways; granite signage; facelift; pathway from community center to Sumner Park; bike station; ?bathroom (instead of porta-potties)	9/17/24 Rec Center/ Byway meeting
	Current Discussion & Project Updates:	* Larissa Heanssler, EAAA ARDC Community Ambassador * Vaccination Clinic Weds 10/09 9am-noon, SSRC & Resource Tables — need a few volunteers - setup/event/breakdown * Welcome to Sullivan tote bags (Lynn & Gail) * Comfortably Home program - MDI Housing $2500 upgrades to home; contact Jeanne Edwards for more info. * Rescheduled: Surf & Turf Dinner Sunday 4-6pm; — Asheville Church seeking $ and volunteers;	
	Financial	Community Connector expense grant $9k - 9/24-8/25. Community Connector mini-grant project - ? Story Walk or ? Music Equipment - Sumner Park events ?	
	Community Organization Updates:	Frenchman's Bay Library - open Mondays & Saturdays 10-2p; Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-5p; Sorrento-Sullivan Historical Society - Sullivan-Sorrento Recreation Center - Painting/Clean-up Sat 9/7 Farmstead Barn Art Show: 9/07-9/08 Show 10a-4p;	
	RSU#24 opportunities:	https://rsu24.maineadulted.org/classes/	
	Civic Engagement:	Beginning September: SB meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays 9/03: 5pm Select Board meeting (Tuesday because Labor Day) 9/04: 6pm Infrastructure Committee meeting 9/05: 5pm Planning Board meeting 9/11: 6pm Comp Plan meeting 9/12: 5pm Parks & Recreation Committee meeting 9/16: Select Board meeting 5pm	
	Announcements/Updates	9/10: EAAA Food Distribution - applications at Town Office 9/17: Birthday Cards - 11:45a Town Office Tues/Thurs: 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders - openings available	

	Next meeting (in-person):	10/2/24: Chris Wilson, Historian 11/6/24: Gianna Settin, Sorrento Reiki 12/4/24: Open TBD	