

On Nov 6, 2018, at 4:54 PM, Steven Palmer

Living well in North Yarmouth Nov 5th meeting

Attending: Alvin Ahler. Pasha Marlowe, Donna Palmer. Steven Palmer, Gay Peterson, Ginny Vandyke, Stephen Harris

Visitor; John Marlowe

Road Calming:

We all agreed this was a priority. A subcommittee was established of Gay, Pasha and Stephen to get particulars on a stencil with kites as the design, colors to be chosen, costs for a traffic signal speed alert, figures for magnetic stickers for cars and may I add, a catchy phrase to for the stickers. It was decided the 2 areas for painted crosswalks to be painted would be on route 115 near the Parsonage Road intersection and somewhere close to Pea Lane. Pre and post speed information will be gathered to better understand the effect the crosswalks have on reducing speed. The hope is to target doing some aspect of road calming ASAP. Reaching out to Deb Buxton was recommended be done.

Ginny suggested committee members investigate France Traffic Calming via on-line. Al added that posting a newsletter article of our efforts to call attention to the speed limits posted within the very center of town might prove helpful. It was added that mention of vehicle speed within the center of town become a routine item in the newsletter. Pasha added that making the newsletter available on social media(or the website) might be a more effective way to reach the younger population. Donna will write an article for the newsletter.

Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance amendments:

Steve reported on the results of the special town meeting held Oct 30th. Voters approved the amendments that will provide the tools developers need to provide more affordable housing. Increasing density through the amendments were focused on the Village Center District. The Planning Board is to be commended for listening to our concerns and to making the concerted effort to realize, through past and present Comprehensive Plans the importance of creating appropriate opportunities for developing growth in the village district.

Rides for Voters:

Gay opened conversation on providing opportunities for people who need transportation to vote. several people indicated times they could be available. Although this was topic was late to be discussed several people volunteered to be available to drive. Telephone contacts were provided and Gay agreed to ask Deb Grover for her help in posting this information. We were then reminded of other upcoming events where this type of ride offering be made available for future important town affairs.

Stephen Harris brought to the groups' attention his efforts to enlist volunteer drives. CARS seems to be a viable choice at this point in time for residents of North Yarmouth. Efforts to enlist volunteer drivers remains ongoing. Stephen offered to follow up on requests for drivers. Those calls will be referred to Gnnny and Steve, as it may become necessary.

Reaching Out to Younger Adults/Social Activities:

Discussion focused on ways to engage younger adults on committees or or other community events. Pasha emphasized the importance of health, safety and general wellness as the motivational incentives for parents with young children. Activities such as pumpkin carving, game night, movie night and music

were seen as viable ways to involve this set of residents. Pasha also suggested we look at how we get our message out. Gay was very interested in pursuing this topic with Pasha. The committee was encouraging exploration of how better to tap into the 'marketing' to reach younger people. More on this in future meetings. The Congregational Church has indicated their willingness to provide the venue for any and all activities.

Priscilla suggested activities for the January, February and March months as good months to offer activities. Ice cream social, the Troubadours, cribbage were mentioned as needing discussion.

Request by a resident for yard work help:

Currently we have no program to offer for this type of request. Al suggested St. Mary's program as an option. Contacting White Pines may also be a source for assistance. Steve will convey contact information to the resident requesting help.

Action Plan:

Donna enlisted the help of David Sliwinski to format the action plan. This is now done and should be off to AARP for their approval. Many thanks to Donna and son David.

Since the action plan is a living document the committee will update with new goals as new goals are established.

As has been the norm, review the minutes, make necessary suggestions for corrections and additions per our discussion of Monday, Nov 5th. The final minutes will then be posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.