

Minutes of 5/20/2019 Living Well in North Yarmouth committee

Location: Town office meeting room

Time: 9AM

Attending: Gay Peterson, Donna Palmer, Al Ahlers, Pasha Marlowe, Steven Palmer

1. **Community Center:** discussion focused on how best to support the person who will be hired to manage/direct/market the new community complex.

Members expressed the benefit of this "advisory" committee. The committee felt it would be important to draft a document outlining considerations and concerns that could be shared with the select board and the town manager. The committee then offered a list of thoughts for the letter. Steve recorded the suggestions and will draft a letter. The bullet point letter will be sent to the committee members for final review before presenting it to the town manager.

2. **Community Center:** the committee agreed to work with Anne Graham in whatever way to support the Celebratory Opening of the Community Complex. Anne will be invited to the next Living Well meeting to share with the group her wishes and hopes for the celebration. Donna will reach out to the Events Committee to know of their interest in participating. The idea of 'Fun Day' included into this event was mentioned,

3. **Kite Status, Traffic Calming:** new banners are available to be erected. The banners are Kite in Sight. Steve is working on how best to fasten the kites to fence posts for ease of setting up, taking down and stabilizing the kite itself. The concept is to have pop ups appear in town reminding drivers of the reason kites are being displayed town. Pop Ups can show up in any part of town. Al was noted for his attempts to get WCSH to do a feature on traffic calming efforts in North Yarmouth. Perhaps we can do a video and create a storyline that could provoke WCSH to visit our town.

4. **Traffic Speed Data:** Steve gave a brief summary of April 10th data gathered from 7 AM to 5PM. Over 1600 cars were recorded traveling through the 30 MPH zone on Route 115 from Yarmouth. High speeds of 44 to 63 MPH were recorded in that time frame, with over 75% of the vehicles exceeding the speed limit by more than 5 MPH. Al will do further analysis of the data for purposes of a report and to provide Donna with graphs that she might use in her presentation at the Rural Livability Conference in June sponsored by AARP. Speed data continues to be gathered by public works.

5. **Resignation:** Priscilla has resigned. The committee expressed their thanks for all that she and of course Richard did while serving as Living Well members.

6. **Membership:** A call for new members was discussed. Pasha mentioned she may know of a few at home working people who may be interested in serving.

7. **Kite Festival:** Steve highlighted the Bug Light Kite Festival as a prelude to the discussion of the NY Kite Festival. It was agreed that our event is intended to excite and involve our community and those communities that touch our boundaries. We need to be careful about how broadly our festival is advertised, a caution the Nor'East kite club members have passed to me.

**Vendors:** work with local businesses. Steve will contact Kettle Korn, the Fire Company, Toot's, Historical Society

**Fund Raising:** donation jars were viewed as the method of raising money. It was agreed a fee of \$2 should be charged for kids making kites.

**Music:** We will limit live music to the Pan Fried Steel Band. Donna will pursue a DJ contact and discuss with Jason Raven any interest he may have in being a DJ(whatever they are called these days).

**Rain Date:** We decided Oct 5th will be the day of the event. No rain date is to be scheduled. If the event is cancelled we will use social media to announce it along with the town website.

*Kite Making:* Supervision of the kit making table is very important. Steve will ask Zada Smith if her Girl Scout troop might be interested in this as a service project.

8. **Summit, Build Maine, AARP Conference:** These events were mentioned as a reminder of the opportunities locally and regionally that are available. Donna will be presenting NYarmouth's own approach to trying to slow the spvehicle speed through town. Thank you Donna for stepping up and giving North Yarmouth a prominent face, again!

9. Next Meeting: June 20th at 1PM

Recorded by Steven Palmer

Meeting adjourned at 11:05