

Meeting Minutes
Age Friendly Action Committee
Transportation and Walkability Sub Committee
4-14-2022

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DATE: May 17, 2022

TIME: 3:20 PM

Attendees: Judy Morrison, Ellen Sullivan, Margie Wayne

The meeting began at 2:30 pm.

Call to Order at 2:30

Assign Minute Taker – Judy Morrison

Discussion of Plan for the Work of the Sub-committee

We reviewed the Goals for the Transportation and Walkability Subcommittee in the May 3, 2021 Towards and Age Friendly Belmont booklet as approved and posted by the town here:

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif6831/f/uploads/tab_1a_-_age_friendly_action_plan_-_actionplan030321docx_0.pdf

List of goals, discussion points and next steps follow:

Transportation:

1. Improve Parking options – completed. The town approved the use of senior parking permits allowing seniors to park in any spot in town and providing better accessibility.
2. Promotion of safe bikeway use – Judy to speak with Belmont Police and learn about current bike path plans, use and safety guidelines
3. Evaluate Transit to connect Town's commercial districts – This is in very early exploration stage. Ellen will reach out to previous age friendly committee members to learn more about intent. Judy will reach out to town meeting member to learn more as well. Learn about Lexington's intra town shuttle service.
4. Expand COA based volunteer-based driver program. – COA board members Ellen Sullivan and Margie Wayne have made significant progress in restarting the COA based volunteer program that was paused due to Covid. The plan is to ease back into the program with soft launch over the summer and ramp up in the fall.

Walkable Belmont:

1. Create walking paths to minimize walking hazards throughout the Town.
2. Ensure that there are enough long and accessible paths available that older adults can sustain a robust and healthy workout. Next steps include:
 - Follow up with COA program director and learn about walking programs that exist, who uses them and options for publicizing them.
 - Initial discussion of safe walk routes town wide with School Committee and Town Police to learn background and opportunity to collaborate. Evaluate possibilities for collaboration across School, disabled and senior citizen groups.
3. Improve and maintain physical safety of pavement and paths, including snow and ice removal on sidewalks. Next steps:
 - Reach out to Belmont Helps, Boy Scouts, Schools (including private) and BRC for volunteer opportunities

- Connect with DPW – on background for current ordinance, how it is communicated and possible options for learning when a town citizen may need help.

Schedule Next Meeting - April 28 2022 at 2;30pm.