

**Machias Revitalization Committee**  
**December 20, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Anne Ball via Zoom, Bob Berta, Bill Burke, Melissa Denbow, Angela Fochesato, Jarod Gillette, Sandi Malagara, Gail Peters, Mercedes Mallis Spencer, and Christina Therrien

**Public Comment:** Bob Berta asked for an introduction from Anne Ball. She identified herself as the coordinator for the Main Street program and an employee of the Maine Development Foundation. The foundation is based in Hallowell.

**Minutes:** Motion- The minutes of September 13, 2019 and November 15, 2019 are approved as presented. All agreed.

**Other introductions** followed. Melissa Denbow is from the Machias Savings Bank. Jarod Gillette is with the Washington County Council of Governments. He has been hired to complete the Machias Town Plan. He is also working for Calais and Eastport with their town plans. Mercedes Mallis Spencer?

**Grant Information:** Anne informed us of a grant the foundation has received to preserve historic buildings either privately or publicly held. This is a unique grant as it will pay for "bricks and mortar" for preserving old buildings. The review deadline for the grant is February 1, 2020 with the submission date March 1, 2020. Anne will send the committee a PDF of the application.

**Application for Age Friendly Community:**

Anne has received our draft copy of the application for this designation. We noted that the application needed more demographic information. Gail Peters requested the description of Sunrise Senior College be changed to a member of the Maine Senior College Network and partner with University of Maine Machias. This was given to Angela in writing. Any additional corrections or additions should be sent to Angela.

As a member of the public, Bob Berta requested a copy of the draft application. Angela gave a copy to Bob as requested with the above hand written correction with regards to the Sunrise Senior College.

The application can be finalized and sent in on an on-going basis. Sandi Malagara volunteered to help assist in getting the application moving forward.

A discussion continued regarding an ADA "audit" to determine how handicap friendly we are. Anne will send us the information on conducting this audit. Jarod also has information and will send it to Angela. Sandi volunteered to help conduct the "audit."

Anne informed us that MDF has other Zoom meeting topics that might be of interest to the committee and business owners.

**Meetings:** Angela reminded us the meetings are now held the third Friday of each month starting at 8:00 at the Sunrise Economic Council. The next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion to adjourn. Second. All approved.