

Brooksville Friends and Neighbors June 1, 2011

Attendance: Eric Chase, Peter and Martha Smith, David and Margie Van Dusen, Jean Webster, Jody Spear, Lola Bogyo, Sally Blodgett, Joan MacCracken

Discussion of AT HOME DOWNEAST- Joan announced that there will be two important meetings coming up. JUNE 13th Monday at 7pm at the Town House for Potential Volunteers. This is only an informational meeting and does not reflect a commitment. Much time was spent having attendees select names to call to encourage them to come to the meeting to learn more about this area-wide project. Joan reiterated that the more volunteers we have, the better and that no one will be overworked or asked to do more than they can do. See attached. Please consider coming to make this volunteer group a dynamic and thoughtful, caring group of neighbors.

JUNE 14th at 1:30pm at Town House for potential members. This is also an informational meeting. We think of this as an extension of Neighborcare, with neighbors helping neighbors get the assistance they need to stay in Brooksville in their homes for as long as they want and is safe.

An announcement of these meetings will be placed in the Packet and the Breeze.

We are working on the best way of offering medic alert buttons to the members. Gayle Clifford is investigating this. Blue Hill Hospital has provided this link for its patients.

Discussion: Last year the Michael Bernal Memorial Varnumville walk occurred in July and was a very successful, community event. This year we want to have an Annual Memorial Varnumville Walk to remember all those who died in 2011. We will personally invite families to walk and invite their friends. A moment will occur at the stream on the Varnumville walk to remember. The Walk will end at the Tinder Hearth with bread and coffee and tea. Time for the community to gather. Nineteen Brooksville residents died in 2010. The walk will begin at the north end of the Varnumville Road at 8:30. There was discussion on several issues. Last year we raised \$500 dollars for Neighborcare in Michael's honor. This year some folks wanted again to accept donations in memory of a loved one or friend to Neighborcare, a local group that has assisted so many in our area. It was decided that a personal note will be sent to the families to invite them to walk with their neighbors. Margie Van Dusen offered to draft the wording for this note. The DATE is SUNDAY JULY 31st. Hope members of BFN will join in. A notice of the walk will be placed in the Packet and it will be determined if the names of the nineteen will be all listed.

We need to ask the Selectmen for approval to block the road and the firemen to assist with this as they did so nicely last year.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

Next Meeting July 6th Wednesday. Lola Bogyo will moderate.

Joan MacCracken