

**Age-Friendly Conway Working Group**  
**Minutes from July 25, 2024; 8:30-10 a.m.**  
**Location: Town Hall, General Purpose Room**

**Present:** Chair Robin Yerkes, members Tilda Hunting, Phil Kantor, Thad Bennett, Pat Lynch, Kat Llamas and George Forcier; Rachel Stoler and Meg Ryan from Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Jody Lally and Lisa Hebert, prospective members.

**Minutes** of June 27, 2024, meeting approved unanimously.

**FRTA and “Uber” service:** To ensure the FRTA administers the town’s pilot seniors “Uber” transportation service according to the town’s intentions, Age Friendly Conway members will meet with FRTA officials to work things out. Anecdotal information indicates that the transit authority hasn’t been following the town’s publicized approach.

Jody said she will talk with the town administration about modifying the town’s web site to clarify the service isn’t fully operational at present.

**Benches:** George reported the park bench purchased with with remaining state allocation for last fiscal year. (The 6-foot bench made of no-maintenance recycled plastic and aluminum was ordered at a cost of roughly \$1,200) has been stored at his home until a location is determined. We are waiting for survey results about favored locations.

**Home repair:** At Thad’s instigation, it was decided we should enlist former contractor Nelson Shifflett’s help in developing a list of possible contractors and tradespeople in town who might want to be promoted as being available for seniors home repair. Thad and Jody will work on this project, which was mentioned as one of several age-in-place priorities by surveys.

**Senior Prom:** It was decided that this year's prom was successful and should be continued — by Age Friendly Conway and the Library in the coming year while we work on finding a permanent home for the event, perhaps the Council on Aging if it can secure ongoing funding. Thad noted that the prom accomplished one of our major goals, which is to break social isolation. Robyn will talk with the Council on Aging next week.

**Other discussions:**

— Agreed to set up at the FESTIVAL OF THE HILLS again this year. Thad working on tri-fold handout and suggested soliciting people's thoughts about priority needs of seniors with some sort of marble or token toss into punch bowls.

— Our BUDGET for this fiscal year is \$4,230.

— OUTDOOR EXERCISE: Phil noted that the town's million-dollar Community Preservation Act fund, which may be used for recreational projects, could fund an inter-generational exercise course. The idea requires further development.

— SUBCOMMITTEES. Those interested in serving on subcommittees were encouraged to tell Robyn. Committees might work on Support Groups, Home Repairs, Prom, Exercise Course, and Transportation.

**Future meetings:** Fourth Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

**Next meeting: Aug. 22**