Rachel Stoler:

Notes from the Age-friendly Conway/Mass in Motion meeting
February 27, 2025 in town hall.
9:00

- LifePath grants: Submitted two applications: one for home repair network and one for Senior Uber pilot. Application process was challenging because it was not a form with separate questions, just a long narrative with the expectation that you would cover certain topics. Rachel will give this feedback to Jason Molony the Regional Age-friendly Coordinator for LifePath. Phil met with the Police Chief, who had been interested in applying for the grant to pay for lockboxes for the homes of older adults so that the police could enter their homes in an emergency. They decided that if the town wants to pursue lockboxes, it can be done with other funding since the boxes cost only $25 each.
- Local home repair/tasks: Tilda made a list of tradespeople who can serve Conway for home repairs and maintenance services such as handyman, shoveling, painting, insulation, etc. The next step is to call these folks and ask if they would be willing to be on a list for Conway, and would they consider offering a reduced rate for their services, and would they consider taking payments over time. Tilda and Jody will put an announcement in the Conway Currents to ask people to let them know if they can provide a service and wish to be included on the list. Next Conway Currents deadline is March 15. If awarded, the LifePath grant for the home repair program would include a stipend for the coordinator and money for advertising.
- Senior Prom: Several folks asked that it not be on the same day as the Annual Town Meeting. The Friends of the Library propose Saturday June 14 (town meeting on June 7). Looking for folks from this Mass in Motion group to join Tilda and Robin and the Friends of the Library on the planning committee.
- Equipment for outdoor activities: Do we really want this and would people use it? Where would we put it? The Senior Prom and Historical Society talks could be good places to gather input on whether and how this potential equipment could be used.

- This year's funding:
- Senior prom
- Bench installation (concrete and highway department time)
- If there is extra $: more benches, more squishy chairs, hearing loops for public events
- For next meeting: Talk about a possible Neighbor to Neighbor program? Could that be part of the home repair program? For people to volunteer to help each other with things like shoveling on an occasional basis. Helen at Baker's is an amazing resource and knows everyone in town. She should be included in the development of a neighbor to neighbor initiative.
- Next meeting: Thursday March 27 at 8:30am

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