

Age-Friendly Conway Committee
Minutes from July 17, 2025; 9 a.m.-10a.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room

Present: Kat Llamas, Jody Lally, Robin Yerkes, Phil Kantor, Tilda Hunting and George Forcier; Rachel Stoler from Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

Absent: Pat Lynch.

Minutes of June 5, 2025, meeting approved unanimously.

Senior Bench update: Robin and Tilda have flagged a location on the South River Meadows for senior bench and we are now waiting for the highway department to install. George said he would remind Town Administrator from time to time.

Senior Social update....Social June 14 deemed a success.

About 100 attended and about 65 responded to our survey seeking input on services sought by seniors. Tilda said games night was tops with 21 responses, followed by Home Repair help with 16, and outdoor exercise with 11 and transportation help and more benches with 9 and 8, respectively.

To “institutionalize” the senior social going forward, it was agreed that Robin would seek to convene a working group from the library and Council on Aging to figure a way the COA might take the lead each year, partnering with other groups to continue the yearly social popular among elders. Funding (about \$2,000) might come from a separate COA appropriation from town meeting and/or some transitional seed money from Age Friendly Conway in the coming year at least.

Beer, wine and sweets were popular at this year’s event.

Future funding: Rachel reported that we were likely to receive about \$4,000 from the state again for this fiscal year and we might

apply for a Community Health Improvement Planning grant of about \$1,000.

Coming year: In addition to fostering a permanent sponsor for the senior social, the committee agreed that we should turn next to piloting smaller, more frequent social events like games nights and lectures. We will discuss in more detail at our next meeting.

Festival of the Hills: We will for the third year have a tent at the festival to promote this year's plans as well as the likely launch of the Conway Senior Uber program and Senior Chores Assistance program, which are being launched with grants and organized and run by Phil Kantor.

Next Meeting. Aug. 28 at 8:30