

Age-Friendly Conway Committee
Minutes, Meeting of December 18, 2025

Present: Robin Yerkes (Chair), Véronique Blanchard (guest), George Forcier, Tilda Hunting, Jody Lally, Kathy Llanas (via phone), Pat Lynch; from FRCOG: Rachel Stoler

Absent: Phil Kantor

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, Meeting APPROVED

Agenda Item 2: Bench

Nelson Schifflet installed the bench in South River Meadow pro bono. Tilda will talk to him and send him a letter of thanks.

Agenda Item 3: Home Improvement Grant

As co-administrators, Tilda and Jody have developed a list of tasks to be accomplished but not a timeline as yet. Tilda has been contacting tradespeople and will talk to Nelson Shiflett about serving as a consultant.

Agenda Item 4: Transportation Grant

- Jody will speak with Phil in person and ask whether he is in or out.
- Véronique will prepare a formal letter of resignation to give to him.

Agenda Item 5: Joys and Concerns of Aging

Robin's group will start in February with once-a-month meetings on Tuesday from 10:30 to noon and will continue for an indefinite time. She will find out if they can meet at the church. The limit is 12. She is requesting a fee of \$100 per session.

MOTION: To pay Robin \$100/session for up to 12 sessions.

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OLD BUSINESS

- **Exercise Equipment** Rachel contacted the Montague Parks and Rec director, Jon Dobosz, for information. She will get back to us when she knows more. We need to coordinate with Jan Warner, chair of the Conway Parks and Rec Committee, and with Ron Sweet about use of the town field.
- **Winter Activity** George suggest we all come to the next meeting with ideas.

OTHER

- George reminded us that our mandate is to develop programs and then get them institutionalized and continued by other local groups.
- George spoke about a network of volunteers of which his daughter is a part in Evanston, IL, which led to a discussion of the Village movement in MA and the idea of Conway creating its own Village, which has been explored before unsuccessfully. Véronique suggested holding a public meeting to explain the concept and stimulate participation in efforts to create one. Rachel pointed out that Greenfield used Mass in Motion funds to pay people to study the feasibility of a Village. This will be put on our next agenda.
- Rachel asked Jody to make a presentation about the municipal vulnerability program at our next meeting. To be added to the agenda.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 9:00 a.m.