

Age-Friendly Conway Committee
Minutes from Dec. 5, 2024; 9-10:30 a.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room

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

Absent: Phil Kantor, Pat Lynch.

(Thaddeus Bennett has resigned from the committee as he has moved out of town)

Minutes of Oct. 24, 2024, meeting approved unanimously.

Bench Location: Voted unanimously to locate our senior-friendly park bench at the South River Meadows. George to check with town administrator about protocol for doing same.

Home repair project: Jody noted that the home “repairs” project that we envision for seniors would feature licensed tradespeople charging at a discount, while we might also facilitate a free chores project by volunteers who could do things like changing lightbulbs, shoveling and sandy walks.

We might solicit tradespeople and volunteers by placing language on the town’s website, in Currents, various bulletin boards around town, at the bank and the “sandwich board” sign outside town hall. Kat would look into doing same at the grammar school and at Frontier.

Jody would draft a tradespeople solicitation paragraph and send to Robin who could encourage others to offer their individual feedback to her.

Transportation: Plans for a pilot Uber-like transportation service for seniors has died at the FRTA, which we had imagined would administer a grant-funded program. FRCOG reps noted that another grant might study holes in the FRTA system, which might help amplify services for seniors in the future.

Future meetings: Generally, fourth Thursdays.

Next meeting: Jan. 23.