

**Age-Friendly Conway Committee
Minutes from March 27, 2025; 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room**

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

Remotely: Robin Yerkes

Minutes of Feb. 27, 2025, meeting approved unanimously.

Grant acceptances: Committee put final touches on grant acceptances for senior “Uber” service and handy person program.

Unanimously took actions required to make tight bureaucratic deadlines included:

1. Voted to accept the grant awards titled “Conway Senior Home Care Services” and “Conway Senior Driving Services”;
2. Voted to designate one person to sign on behalf of the committee for the acceptance of those grant awards, award conditions, payment schedule and payment request letter as well as the name of that person, and the fact that the person has signed these documents in the presence of the committee. That person was voted to be Phil Kantor.
3. Voted to nominate Phil Kantor as a project coordinator — a critical component of the program — as per the grant applications for each of the grant projects and noted Phil Kantor accepts the nomination;
4. Voted to request the Selectboard endorse and appoint the grant project coordinator nominee of the Committee at its earliest opportunity;
5. Voted to request the Selectboard send a thank-you letter (as drafted by project coordinator) to Lifepath, acknowledging the funding from Point32Health Foundation (the philanthropic arm of Harvard/Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Care) with support

of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Network, a project of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)

6. Approved grant administration instructions developed by various town officials for both programs.

Discussion held on issues of stipend for the coordinator, and of liability insurance provisions. Committee members offered to help initiate the programs.

Point32 was especially enthusiastic about the “Uber” program because it’s a quantifiable attempt to improve lives and health of seniors, and a possible pilot for other communities in the state, according to Kantor. The program has been invited to gear up quickly and to seek another round of funding later this calendar year, according to Kantor, who said this locally controlled driver program could be a better arrangement than an FRTA affiliated system, which never got off the ground last year.

Kantor’s work applying for and winning the grants was praised, even as he noted the alignment of support from the Selectboard and many town officials and FRCOG advisers.

Senior prom: Discussion over use of name to be used this June 14 for the Seniors party at the library. Friends of the Field Memorial Library suggested senior gala.

Discussed who might cater the event, including Hope and Olive and Green Fields Market. Tilda and Robin will investigate possibilities.

Also discussed musical entertainment possibilities, to be discussed further with library.

Installation of bench: Janet Chayes of the Open Space Committee, which has jurisdiction over the South Meadows, has told George that her committee hasn't approved installing our bench there and thinks the location is inappropriate for people requiring a "senior" bench.

Committee to send representatives Pat Lynch and Robin Yerkes to the Open Space Committee to make our case for a bench on the Meadow.

Other business: Change meeting date to third Thursday mornings of the month to avoid conflicts with senior meal program.

Next meeting: April 17, 2025, 9-10:30