

Age-Friendly Conway Committee
Minutes from May 22, 2025; 9-10:10 a.m.
Town Hall, General Purpose Room

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

Absent: Kat Llamas, Jody Lally, Pat Lynch.

Minutes of April 17, 2025, meeting approved unanimously.

Senior “Uber” pilot program update: Phil reports the administrative structure of the program is taking shape as a function of town government, which means 1) that the town’s lawyer, insurance co. and administrative staff are involved and need to be assured the town’s liabilities are covered, and 2) that this program if it succeeds beyond its pilot phase, would become part of the fabric of the town governance, which is the intent of Age Friendly Conway/Mass. in Motion— to institutionalize at a local level successful new services for the elderly. Phil said he has some drivers lined up so the program can hit the ground running when the administrative structure is developed. Rachel asks Phil to write up notes about the program’s development for the benefit of the other towns that might want to emulate what Conway is attempting.

Senior Bench update: Robin met Open Space Committee chair Janet Chayes at the South River Meadows last Saturday to discuss location for the bench but met with resistance from Chayes who continues to contend the Meadow walk isn’t a good place for a senior bench because seniors don’t walk there. Robin will locate a spot and try again to convince Chayes, although the town administrator says the Open Space Committee’s approval isn’t required. Robin would prefer to get its buy-in. Phil may also talk with Chayes. Phil also noted that there is a level, publicly accessible pathway near the Masonic Building to the Meadows

from Main Street. It was suggested he promote that fact in Conway Currents.

Police Lock boxes: Considered the possibility of spending additional money beyond \$300 already approved for about 10 police locked key boxes.

Senior Social Update: Robin reported on the many steps involved in putting on the second annual event June 14, including creating and mailing promotional post cards. The Friends of the Field Memorial Library and Robin will arrange for music, food, drinks, art exhibit, free rides and gift certificates from local business.

Next meeting will be June 5 at 9 a.m. to review year-end accounting, with the intention of using remains of our \$4,200 budget on other items on our wish list, such as padded folding chairs for town hall, promotional mailers for the Senior Uber and household repair programs and police key boxes.