AARP – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application submission date: May 24, 2019

Section 1. Community Details

Name of community: Pownal
State: Maine
Population: 1,500
Percentage of residents above the age of 60: ?
Name and title of the elected official signing the official commitment:
  Jonathan Morris, Pownal Selectman
  George Anderson, Jr., Pownal Selectman
  Melissa Henes, Administrative Assistant, Town of Pownal
Office address of signer: 429 Hallowell Road, Pownal, ME 04069

Section 2: Community Contacts for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

Jonathan Morris / Pownal Selectman
George Anderson, Jr. / Pownal Selectman
Melissa Henes / Administrative Assistant, Pownal
Paula Paladino / E.D. Freeport Community Services
Tegan Barber / VISTA Volunteer for AIP initiative
Kathy Hogue / AIP Steering Committee / Volunteer

Please describe the named person’s role in the city or community’s age-friendly initiative:

1. The Pownal Board of Selectmen will participate in the oversight of the aging-friendly initiative. (FYI - In June, a third Selectman will be elected to fill one vacant seat on the board.)

2. Pownal Administrative Assistant, Melissa Henes, will participate in the oversight of the aging-friendly initiative.

3. Paula Paladino is the Executive Director of Freeport Community Services (FCS). It is through FCS and the Freeport Housing Trust that a Needs Assessment for Freeport and Pownal was implemented and completed in May of 2016 by Planning Decisions, Inc. Although FCS has been the agency to spear-head the Aging in Place initiative, the goal is to create an independent Steering Committee made up of Pownal and Freeport residents to carry out this work.

4. Tegan Barber was hired by FCS in January 2019 as a VISTA Volunteer to oversee the Aging in Place initiative; to identify and create a Steering Committee, to create an action plan; and to assist in the process of building an Aging in Place Program for Freeport and Pownal.

5. Kathy Hogue is a Pownal resident, member of the AIP Steering Committee and the Pownal subcommittee.
Section 4. Network Membership

4. How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly communities?

Many communities around us already have strong Aging in Place programs. Sharing and combining resources with neighboring towns will be looked at. Collaboration with existing programs can only be a win-win for everyone.

5. What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Patricia Oh, PhD. LMSW, Age Friendly consultant AARP Maine/Livable, spoke at a recent AIP Steering Committee meeting and encouraged Freeport and Pownal to apply.

Please provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.