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Via Email
AARP
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RE: Age Friendly Application for Town of Groton

Dear Review Committee,

The Town of Groton pledges its commitment to continually improving the quality of life of all its citizens by advancing the principles of livability lauded by AARP and joining the network of “Age-Friendly” communities nationwide. To this end, we have formed an Age-Friendly steering committee whose charge is to champion projects that enhance this goal.

Groton agrees with the programs’ guiding concept: well-designed, age-friendly communities foster economic growth and make for happier, healthier residents of all ages. We are proud to submit this application and eager to follow up this designation by completing the following actions towards becoming a more age friendly community:

- Ensuring that the active engagement of older adults is an important part of the civic planning process, including the ongoing use of the senior center as a key location for hosting events;
- Establishment of a steering committee of older adults and senior advocates to establish policies, plans and programs that encourage senior activity;
- Conducting an evaluation of current senior programming to determine baseline needs and developing a plan of action for addressing gaps community-wide;
- Benchmarking indicators such as miles of connective sidewalk, number of benches, and number of accessible meeting locations to ensure progress is made toward our goals.

Sincerely,

John Burt
Town Manager
Town of Groton