September 22, 2021

Mr. Michael E. Festa
AARP Massachusetts State Director
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1 Beacon Street
Boston Massachusetts 02108

RE: Application for Age Friendly Project

Dear Mr. Festa,

As the executive body of the Town of Petersham, Massachusetts, we write to request your consideration of Petersham's application as part of the Age- and Dementia-Friendly Project in Franklin County and North Quabbin to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, affiliate to the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Working together with members of our community including our Council on Aging, our Village-to-Village effort, and interested individuals, Petersham recognizes the needs of an increasingly older population and the importance of planning efforts that consider the needs of citizens of all ages. We recognize the benefits of considering and implementing ideas which can help our community and the region's social and economic vitality and do so in an equitable manner for all residents.

We look forward to joining the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network in order to focus on this goal of achieving a more livable community for older adults. Thank you for your work and for your review of the Town of Petersham’s membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Yours sincerely,

~ Petersham Selectboard ~

Nancy S. Allen
Chair

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Clerk

cc: Kay Berry, Chair, Petersham Council on Aging
Debra Bacharach, Petersham Partners
Sherry Berube, Petersham Administrative Coordinator