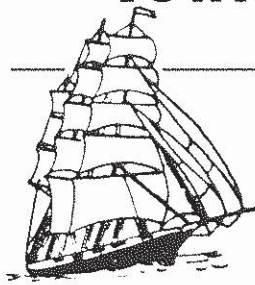


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Peter Morelli
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Dear Mr. Morelli:

On behalf of the Town of Bucksport, Maine, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Maine and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become a recognized "Age-Friendly Community." Along with other selected communities in the nation, Bucksport is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

The median age of citizens living in Maine is 44.2 years compared to the national median age of 37.7. Bucksport is located in Hancock County. The working-age-to-senior ratio in Hancock County is expected to decline from an already low of 2.8 in 2015 to 1.7 in 2030.

To address our changing demographics, in 2000 the Town partnered with the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition which was created to establish healthy communities with healthy citizens. The mission of Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities is to work as individuals and as members of organized groups, to demonstrate a strong commitment to the importance of taking care of our own personal health – body, mind and spirit – as well as helping our family members and neighbors. The Town, in coordination with the Senior Resource Network of the Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce coordinated the Show You Care Campaign which has resulted in many changes around town to improve walkability, safety and access to public facilities for all.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the Town of Bucksport to:

- Promote the active engagement of older adults in the Senior Resource Network of Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition.
- Secure a council resolution to work toward becoming more age-friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP Maine staff and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Lessard", written in a cursive style.

Susan M. Lessard
Town Manager