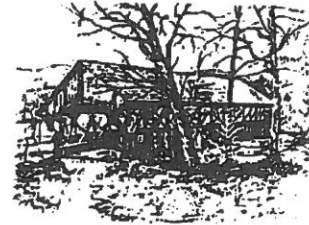




TOWN OF NEWRY

422 BEAR RIVER ROAD
Newry, Maine 04261

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Greetings,

A few months ago, several Newry residents participated in information gathering and the application process with the neighboring town of Bethel, in an effort to become a member community of the Network of Age Friendly Communities.

Newry's participation has included the completion of the Age Friendly Community Project survey distributed by Bethel. The Select Board and several residents listened to a presentation by the Bethel NAFC committee, which outlined the facts and clarified the towns' responsibility in its' official support. Newry residents indicated a need for the initiatives outlined in the survey to allow the aging community members to remain in their homes.

Traditionally, Newry and Bethel have been linked through shared community efforts, such as schools, social/civic groups, churches, chamber of commerce, recreational and natural preserves.

The new Town Administrator for the town of Newry was involved in helping another town become successful in establishing an age-friendly program.

In closing, after careful consideration, we the undersigned town officials hereby submit our application to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Best Regards,



Gary Wight, Chairman of Select Board



Wendy Hanscom, Selectperson



James Largess, Selectperson



Amy Bernard, Town Administrator