Membership Application
To join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the
World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

• If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarp.org or call 202-434-2430
• If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 8/23/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS
NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Wayne

STATE: Maine

POPULATION SIZE: 1050

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 25% age 65 or old

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Gary Kenny, Chair,
Selectboard

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: P.O. Box 400, Wayne, ME 04284

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES
The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

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

Chair of the town working group


Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

Our town has an extensive informal network of neighbors and relatives helping each other. We also have a recent initiative- Sustain Wayne- which focuses on community and sustainability, and which began the current working group. To add to that network, we plan to begin with a systematic assessment of the needs and resources of our community’s elders, then to focus on connecting those in need of services with existing resources, and then to work with the surrounding communities to create services that are not currently available. Beginning with assessment will help us build on our community’s strengths and on supplementing the real gaps in services and affordable housing that older people in Wayne experience.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

We will begin with an assessment, using extensive outreach by respected community members, to help us identify what elders in our community need and want to help them grow older in their town. At every step of the way we will be guided by the input, needs, and wants of our town’s elders. More than half of the current working group are over 65 years old.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

As a town of 1000 we have few agencies and departments- and a long history of collaboration and involvement.
Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

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?

We hope to learn from others' experiences and share our own successes and failures.

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?

We have been talking in town for some time about the needs of our elders and about our hope that all who want to stay in our beautiful, connected community can do so as they age- and about the need to surmount the real challenges of transportation, rural isolation, and lowered incomes in retirement. We hope that joining the network will provide us with supports and best practices so we can do a good job in this important work.

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

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >