

August 23, 2018

Michael Festa
AARP State Director
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the Town of Marshfield, and in alignment with the statewide movement toward achieving age friendly status, we are looking to join with the AARP and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to become an Age Friendly Community. Marshfield is committed to its citizens and looking to enhance its image where possible. This includes working to become Dementia Friendly. Our goal is to be listed as an emerging Age and Dementia Friendly Community.

Twenty percent of our population is over 60 and this number is expected to almost double by 2030. Marshfield is already actively supporting the community and we will identify and celebrate some of the progress already made. We are responding to a recent study on Aging in Marshfield which provides a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the community. Also as part of our interest in becoming an Age Friendly Community, Marshfield will be convening a “Marshfield, Aging Well Since 1640 Advisory Committee” which will include a diverse group of people including older adults, staff and volunteers from the Council on Aging, town officials and health professionals, representatives from local businesses and faith communities to evaluate needs and create an action plan.

As a participant in the national network of communities, Marshfield will;

- Include active participation of older adults on the advisory committee for “Marshfield Aging Well Since 1640”.
- Commit to measuring outcomes against the action plan.

We look forward to working with the AARP to continue the good work already begun in Marshfield.

Sincerely,

Jim Fitzgerald

Chairman of the Marshfield Board of Selectmen

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