



TOWN OF HANOVER

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Date: August 28, 2018

Lori Parham, AARP Maine State Director
53 Baxter Boulevard, Suite 202
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Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the Town of Hanover, I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Town of Hanover is looking forward to working with the Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Initiative. Many of Hanover's residents are age 60+ and the more we can do to make it safe and healthy, the better for everyone. One of the town's goals is to make it easier for people to age in Hanover—from the beginning of life to the end of life. We believe that our older residents have a lot to offer the community and will, through this initiative, make the community an even better place to live for all our 238 residents. Although we wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Initiative, the AARP Maine Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities, we are not able to commit any monetary funds to the work.

The Town of Hanover recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging.

As part of our involvement and commitment we will work with the Bethel AFCI to conduct a base assessment of the community's age-friendliness and develop a community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. We will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,

Brenda Lee Gross
Chair, Select Board