

June 19, 2019

Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the Town of Brimfield, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly town and community and respectfully request to join partnership with AARP and the World Health Organization in becoming an age-friendly community. The Board of Selectman and the town of Brimfield recognize the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies that support our aging community members. Brimfield is committed to a process of ongoing improvement to support active and healthy aging and sustain economic and social vitality. With these commitments, Brimfield is proud to be actively promoting and enhancing independent living for our aging residents.


With over 23% of our population in Brimfield being above the age of 60 years old, the Town of Brimfield has already taken many steps toward becoming even more age-friendly. Our town has recently adopted legislature to establish a Commission on Disability. This commission will assist us in finding ways to become more accessible throughout town. Brimfield currently offers our seniors unable to drive transportation services to attend doctor appointments, shop and even attend local events within the community. In addition, the Brimfield Senior Center also offers breakfast and lunch and six fitness classes a week.

Realizing that there is always a need to do more and be more age-friendly, Brimfield has agreed to establish an advisory committee that will include a diverse group of residents. This committee will consist of seniors and disabled residents who will advise the Town on issues related to healthy aging and help out Town to explore options to become increasingly more age-friendly. Our goal is to ensure our aging community members have the resources to be healthy, independent, and integrated members of our community.

As a member of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities, it is Brimfield's intention to include active engagement of seniors and those residents with disabilities on the advisory committee, to secure a resolution on behalf of the Town of Brimfield to continue working toward becoming more age-friendly, and to establish a plan of action that responds to the needs of older adults in the community.

We look forward to working along with AARP in Massachusetts and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure and community programs in place to assure that our residents can age with dignity.

Sincerely,


Paul McCarthy
Chairman, Select Board
Town of Brimfield