



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

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Mr. Robert Hoffman
AARP Vice President NE Region
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Dear Mr. Hoffman,

As the executive body of Deerfield Massachusetts, we are pleased to request your consideration of our Town's application to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, affiliate of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Our community recognizes the need to prepare for a growing older population and the importance of planning and policies that include consideration of citizens of all ages in order to develop and sustain social and economic vitality.

We are enthusiastic about joining the AARP Age-Friendly Communities network at this time in order to focus our goals of achieving a "livable" community. We believe a process that identifies needs and opportunities for the development of age-friendly policies and procedures will greatly enhance current Town planning efforts and will assure older residents affected by these projects will be included in their planning and implementation. Further, Deerfield's membership would be the first in our region, providing a local model encouraging other communities to join.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for the Town of Deerfield to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Signed,
Selectboard of the Town of Deerfield

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