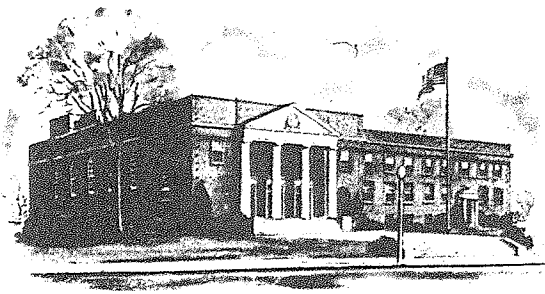


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Michael Festa
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Dear Mr. Festa:


The Town of Stoneham is excited about the opportunity to join the AARP/World Health Organization's Age Friendly Community Network. This initiative focuses on many of the areas the Town has been working on such as housing, community engagement, transportation, outdoor spaces and social inclusion. The Town of Stoneham is committed to ensuring that its older residents have the services and support they need to remain in the community.

The population of the Town of Stoneham is 21,437. Of this figure, 25.5% are those over the age of 60. The Town supports elders directly through the services provided by our Council on Aging. We also work collaboratively with community based organizations like Mystic Valley Elder Services. The Town supports a congregate meal site, has secured a full time Resident Service Coordinator at the State's elder housing development and has recently secured funding from MassDOT for a new van for transportation to medical appointments.

As a participant in the Age Friendly Community Network, the Town of Stoneham makes a commitment to follow the program cycle by convening a committee made up of a diverse group including town departments, civic organizations, local non-profits, seniors and businesses. The committee will draft an Action Plan based on information collected through needs assessment tools and forums. The committee will also track and monitor those action items to ensure progress.

Thank you for our consideration and we look forward to partnering with AARP Massachusetts staff and volunteers in our efforts to ensure that the Town of Stoneham is Age Friendly.

Sincerely,


Thomas G. Younger
Town Administrator