

**Town of Cohasset**

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Michael E. Festa  
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the Town of Cohasset, we request to join the Network of Age Friendly Communities under the guidelines of the World Health Organization and American Association of Retired Persons. As baby boomers both age and have extended life spans, we acknowledge the changing demographics of our community. We are committed to assessing and addressing the changing needs so older adults can live healthy, vibrant and integrated lives in our beautiful, historic seaside village of Cohasset, MA.

The Town of Cohasset has a new and comprehensive Master Plan to guide Cohasset into the next 10-20 years. Joining the Network of Age Friendly Communities enables us to use the World Health Organization's eight domains to create a plan for Age Friendliness in coordination with the Master Plan to ensure Cohasset is poised to thrive in every way. There currently is a dynamic and growing Council for Elder Affairs in Cohasset located in a new state of the art facility, Willcutt Commons. On an average, over a thousand visits by older adults are logged each month at Willcutt Commons and this will be the starting point for gathering input and assistance for all stages of the Age Friendly Plan including planning, implementation and evaluation. Having a welcoming, accessible center in the middle of town allows us to also reach out to others for input who may not currently visit Willcutt Commons.

If permitted to become a member of the Network of Age Friendly Communities, we will strive to meet, measure and manage outcomes and also help others in the process.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

  
Kevin McCarthy  
Chairman of Cohasset Board of Selectman