



## STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 18-12  
COUNCIL MTG OF: January 16, 2018  
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SUBJECT: Age-Friendly Program: Pilot Communities Opportunity

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### INTRODUCTION:

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) as part of the Becoming Age-Friendly Community Program which began in 2016 is looking to work with up to three communities in the SNHPC region on a Phase II Pilot Program. Part I of the program was a community assessment process engaging town staff, board members, citizens, and other stakeholders having conversations on issues that affect seniors and millennials on topics such as transportation & connections, recreation & engagement, housing, and business & economic development. A 12-page summary was produced which showed the age-friendliness of our community. The hope is for this document to become a valuable resource to assess current age-friendliness, as well as to constructively evaluate what improvements might lead municipalities toward a more age-friendly future.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is urged to adopt Resolution #2018-005, which would express Derry's interest in participating in this program, with the goal of developing important information and planning for our aging population, to be included in the next update of the Town's Master Plan.

### BACKGROUND

The SNHPC in 2016 received funding from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation, AARP, and the NHDOT to initiate the Becoming Age-Friendly Community Program and conduct a community assessment as part of Phase I of the program. As part of the Phase II Pilot Program the goal of this phase is for the SNHPC staff to work with Community leaders, moving forward from assessment into strategic planning, and developing recommendations for communities to become age-friendly. The SNHPC is encouraging communities to submit a letter of interest to participate as a Pilot Community by January 19, 2018.

### DISCUSSION

Staff discussion feels if we are chosen as a Pilot Community it could help us with an assessment and recommendation on our age-friendly needs as we prepare to update our Master Plan in the near future and this information would be a good resource to include in the update.

### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the Town Council submit a letter of interest to the SNHPC to participate as a Pilot Program Community.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

*Please see Resolution #2018-005*

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