

Ordinance Establishing an Elderly Commission

1. ESTABLISHMENT.

There shall be established a commission on services for elderly persons consisting of seven (7) members. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the members of the commission. Initial appointments shall be as follows: three members for terms expiring on July 1, 2020 and four members for terms expiring on July 1, 2021. Thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of two years each. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of any term.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES.

There shall be a Commission for elderly services responsible for focusing on and offering solutions to the needs of elderly residents. The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:

- (A) To foster understanding, respect and involvement of all elderly in the life of the community;
- (B) To encourage participation of elderly in all aspects of community life;
- (C) To assure the elderly citizens equal access to all town resources, facilities and programs;
- (D) To study economic, housing, employment, recreation, health and other matters as they relate to the elderly;
- (E) To analyze the services and programs for the elderly provided by both public and private agencies and make appropriate recommendations to the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen to improve the effectiveness of programs and services for the elderly;
- (F) To develop, coordinate and carry out policies and guidelines for all programs for the elderly approved by the Board of Selectmen; and
- (G) To work closely with other state, municipal and private agencies to provide effective services and programs for the elderly of the town.

3. COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION.

- (A) The Commission shall select from its members a Chairperson and Secretary to serve for one year.
- (B) All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their approved expenses from available appropriations.
- (C) The Commission shall be authorized to establish and promulgate bylaws to enable it to function in fulfilling its duties.

4. GRANTS/FUNDS.

(A) The Commission may review and recommend applications, where appropriate, for federal, state, local and private funds for programs for the elderly and aging.

(B) The Commission may make recommendations for the expenditure of any such funds received. However, the Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for securing and disbursing any such funds.