

# Comprehensive Long Range Plan Council on Aging Board Comments September 25, 2017

Following is a summary of the answers Council On Aging Board generated in response to the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee's questions.

## 1. Pressing Issues

- Senior Transportation. More in town vans will be needed as well as transportation outside Concord especially for medical visits .Cross Town Connect not likely to work for ill and frail seniors due to long waits. Neighborhood school bus shuttles were employed in the past during hours when not in use by students. Consider revisiting this idea.

- More Flexible and Affordable Housing:

  - More small houses needed for seniors scaling down and young families starting out

- Multi family and Mixed Use Zoning.

  - Build senior housing close to grocery and drug stores e.g.near/above Crosby's Market

- More access to affordable home management services e.g. snow shoveling.

- More Social Service/Public Health Outreach and Intervention Services e.g. hoarding and mental health issues.

- More Emergency Financial Aide

  - There will be more seniors with inadequate savings.

## 2. Conflicts

Presently only a small percentage of the town's budget goes towards senior services but the population of seniors is expected to rapidly reach 40% which will require reallocation of resources and ensuing conflicts. Can facilities and budget keep up with growing demand?

## 3. Accomplishments

- Creation of Concord After 60

- Increase in nursing outreach hours