

**CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS, v15 Updated  
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ORGANIZATION / SECTION 4-300, MULTIPLE-MEMBER BODIES / § 4-301.  
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**§ 4-301. Aging, Council on.**

- A. Establishment. The Council on Aging consists of 11 members. (See MGL c. 40, § 8B.)  
[Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]
- B. Mode of appointment. The members of the Council on Aging are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]
- C. Authorities and responsibilities.
- (1) The Council on Aging is to be an advocate for the needs of the elderly people residing in the Town. The Council on Aging shall make continuing surveys of the elderly population to better determine their needs, problems and concerns. It shall develop criteria for program and supportive services based upon an assessment of needs and participates in programs offered by the Commonwealth's Department of Elder Affairs. The Council on Aging is an advisory committee of the Town. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]
  - (2) The Council on Aging shall:
    - (a) Identify the needs of the community's elderly population.
    - (b) Educate the community and enlist the support and participation of all Town residents concerning these needs.
    - (c) Design, promote and implement services to fill these needs or coordinate present, existing services in the community.
    - (d) Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly people in Northbridge.
  - (3) Cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs and be cognizant of all state and federal legislation concerning funding, information exchanges and programming which exist for the elderly. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]
  - (4) File an annual report with the Board of Selectmen, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]

**D. Interrelationships. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]**

- (1) **Board of Selectmen:** The Council on Aging consults with the Board of Selectmen in developing policies concerned with the issues and needs facing the elderly within the Town.
- (2) **Town Manager:** The Town Manager provides administrative staff support to the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging advises the Senior Services Director concerning program and supportive service delivery as well as financial management issues.  
[Amended 10-25-2011 ATM, Art. 7]