

Chapter 154. Commission on the Aging

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Canton 12-27-1973 by Ord. No. 112. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 154-1. Creation; purpose; terms of office; officers.

[Amended 6-26-1980 by Ord. No. 158; 12-14-2011 and 6-12-24)

This Town Meeting creates a Commission on the Aging for the Town of Canton consisting of seven regular voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose for the establishment of said Commission is to evaluate, coordinate, and assist in implementing programs and services for seniors. The members of the Commission shall serve for a term of four years, except that the initial term shall be one member to serve until January 1, 1975, one member to serve until January 1, 1976, one member to serve until January 1, 1977, one member to serve until January 1, 1978, and one member to serve until January 1, 1979, or until their successors have been appointed and qualify. Any vacancy in said Commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term only by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen forthwith appoint two additional members, one to serve until January 1, 1981, and one to serve until January 1, 1982, and appointment to fill these terms thereafter shall be for a four-year term. The members of the Commission on the Aging shall at their first meeting elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (for accounting reporting purposes only) from its members, by ballot, which officers shall serve until the first meeting held in the month of January during each year, at which time a new election shall take place. The necessary expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Town through the proper appropriation procedures.

§ 154-2. Duties. (Amended 6-12-24)

The Commission shall monitor the conditions and needs of senior residents in the community in relation to matters concerning quality of life, including housing, nutrition, finances, health, employment, transportation, recreation, home care services, etc.. It shall analyze the services and programs currently available through public and private agencies to identify possible gaps. The Commission on Aging shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the development and integration of such services and programs in keeping with the needs of Canton Seniors. The Canton Commission on the Aging may receive gifts and grants in the name of the Town of Canton for community use by the elderly and shall administer such gifts and grants for such purposes or for the limited purposes provided for by the terms of the gift or grant. It may exchange information with the State Department on Aging. It may apply to that Department for assistance in planning and coordinating state and local services and programs. It may identify, recommend, or assist in the addition of such programs for the aid of the aging as it deems proper, provided that moneys are available either by gift, grant, or by appropriation from the general fund of the Town. Such programs may include, but are not limited to, subsidized travel arrangements and subsidized food services.

§ 154-3. Alternate members.

[Added 7-7-1976 by Ord. No. 127; amended 12-14-2011]

There shall be three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen within 60 days of the passage of this section to serve for a period of the remainder of the year 1976, and thereafter three alternates shall

be appointed to serve for a four-year term. In the event of a disqualification or the absence of any member, the Chairman of the Commission may call upon any of the three alternates to replace the disqualified or absent member.