

Please find below the additions for the Code Book from the Fall Annual Town meeting held on October 21, 2025

ARTICLE 11: **GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 9, DARTMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING**

MOVED and duly seconded:

That the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws as shown below (deletions are shown in strikethrough and additions are shown in italics), and which shall take effect on July 1, 2026:

§ 9-1. Establishment and purpose.

There hereby is established a Council on Aging *Advisory Board of Directors* under the provision of Chapter 40, Section 8B, of the General Laws. Said Council on Aging *Advisory Board* shall be for the purpose of identifying the needs of the *aging adults*, of enlisting the *cooperation*, support and participation of the Town, *community members, organizations, public and private agencies working in the field of elder affairs, other groups* and *individuals* in the interest of *aging adults*, of planning, promoting, *supporting*, implementing and coordinating services for the benefit of *aging adults and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on subjects which are of interest to aging adults. The Council on Aging Advisory Board shall serve in a non-governing capacity and shall make recommendations as to any required or needed changes in local services.*

§ 9-2. Membership; recommendations for appointment; compensation. [Added 4-27-1976, approved 8-4-1976; amended 6-7-2011, approved 9-15-2011]

- A. The members of the Council on Aging *Advisory Board* shall consist of nine (9) residents of the Town of Dartmouth. With respect to any vacancy on the *Advisory Board*, whether due to resignation, death, inability to act, or the expiration of a term, said *Advisory Board* shall receive all applications for the position, shall review those applications, and shall forward the same to the Select Board with its recommendations. Except with respect to any unexpected resignation, death, or inability to act, such recommendations shall be provided to the Select Board at least one month prior to the expected date of the vacancy. Otherwise, such recommendations shall be provided to the Select Board as soon as possible, but not more than one month after the unexpected vacancy. All such recommendations shall be advisory only, and nonbinding upon the Select Board.
- B. The membership of said *Advisory Board* shall include at least one person of at least

65 years of age, *shall be composed of at least fifty-one percent (51%) persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older*, shall consist of a cross-section of professionals from the community, and shall serve without pay from the Town.

- C. *The Select Board may appoint Honorary Advisory Board members to recognize faithful service of former Advisory Board members. Honorary members are non-voting members and maintain lifetime Advisory Board status ex-officio, unless rescinded by the Select Board.*
- D. *The Select Board may appoint non-voting Associate members.*

§ 9-3. Manner of appointment; term of office. [Amended 6-7-2011, approved 9-15-2011]

Within a reasonable time following the adoption of this By-Law, the Select Board shall appoint three members of the Council on Aging *Advisory Board* to serve for a period of three years, three members of said *Advisory Board* to serve for a period of two years and three members to serve for a period of one year. As the term of office of each member expires, his/*her* successor shall be appointed for a term of three years.

§ 9-4. Vacancy. [Amended 6-7-2011, approved 9-15-2011]

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council on Aging by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Select Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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