

Concord After 60 Meeting 10/15/17

Comments, Questions and Answers after Gary's presentation

1. A resident of Everett Housing said that the internet costs have been rising for some time and were now at the point that they were unaffordable. This limits the use of the most important modern communication vehicle.
2. With electric and self-driving cars coming, Concord needs to have a recharging infrastructure to support the increasing volume of vehicles over time.
3. Concord should sponsor and manage community connection facilities on the internet through a variety of forums to attract various constituencies.
4. There is a great deal of untaxed land in Concord—the prison, the national park, Emerson hospital, and the schools. A formal outreach program should be created to negotiate revenue contributions from these entities.
5. Concord should create and manage a winter child care play space and a teen center to give our children more opportunities to socialize.
6. Casual cafes and sidewalk seating areas should be built in our town centers and parks to provide for more hangout space for seniors.
7. While 1/3 of our population is over 65 much more money is spent on schools, new high school for example, than is spent on senior facilities. The Harvey Wheeler renovation was funded without town help and was inadequate—needs to be redone.
8. Seniors should be encouraged to use the high school facilities for casual activities and socialize with the students. Handicap parking is inadequate at the high school.
9. Many of the housing options are too expensive for seniors, we need to open up affordable multi-family zoning to areas of the town where people want to downsize but stay in their area.
10. A transportation plan which links substantially all area of the town is needed.
11. Transportation to the Amtrak stations and Logan airport are very expensive—a senior discount program is needed to make travel for seniors more affordable.

12. Speeding on our roads is common and inhibits walking. An enhanced speed enforcement program is needed.
13. We need to design multi-use program for our town owned busses and shuttles in order to broaden transportation options.
14. The town should own or enable an autonomous vehicle service.
15. Parking meters with the pay by phone system are not appropriate as many seniors don't use smart phones and can't afford increases in parking fees. We should have resident auto stickers which would exempt them from parking fees.