

Town of New Ashford
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**NEW ASHFORD COUNCIL ON AGING
2019**

Greetings from your Council On Aging. We hope that we'll see you at one of our activities over the coming year.

In 2016, when the questionnaire titled *Council on Aging Desired Services* was sent to all residents, transportation was the top item of concern mentioned by the respondents. As a way to address this issue, the Town applied, and was accepted, as a member of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA). This approval was conditional pending final approval by the New Ashford Select Board. The latest news is that the Select Board has approved our participation in BRTA. This includes bus service as well as providing a service for people with disabilities called *Paratransit* (door-to-door) service. This newsletter is intended to provide information that may help you utilize the services offered.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Address: BRTA Intermodal Transit Center
1 Columbus Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Contact: 1-800-292-2782 or 413-499-2782 www.BERKSHIRERTA.COM

On the Town website you will find a brief description of services available and further information about them. The Select Board, and the Council On Aging, feel these services will be a benefit to our community, especially Paratransit, both now and in the future. We will monitor usage and determine if BRTA meets our needs.

There is a lot of information regarding services available online, and by telephone, to help you determine which services might be best for you. If you have questions, please call the BRTA at the numbers provided above or go to the website.