

## Meeting Minutes

### Becket CDBG11 Affordable Senior Housing Advisory Committee Meeting

January 7, 2013

Town Hall Becket, MA

Committee Members Present:

Jeanne Pryor  
Ruth Glazerman  
Eva Bonney  
Beth VanNess

BRPC Staff:

Patricia Mullins  
Melissa Provencher  
Lindsay Errichetto

This was an informational meeting wherein committee members reviewed the status of the engineering activities, the preliminary draft of the Comprehensive Market Study and discussed emerging concerns regarding the financial pro forma. Committee members also discussed scheduling a public forum/focus group in March.

1. The committee members received an overview of the engineer activities to date. Melissa Provencher stated that the PERC tests were favorable on the Malvina R. Frisbie Revocable Trust property (site #2). A discussion regarding the availability and viability of that property ensued. Committee members addressed the fact that the engineering study was not intended to be comprehensive but rather a stepping stone in the overall feasibility of a small affordable senior housing development.
2. The committee reviewed the preliminary draft of Hilltown CDC's Comprehensive Market Study and several discussion topics were addressed. Committee members expressed concerns that the report indicated perhaps a regional approach may be warranted. They also discussed the possibility of mixed use housing and the need for affordable housing for families as well. The focus of the committee, being affordable senior housing in Becket, was reaffirmed.
3. The topic of potential challenges securing the necessary funding for the project was addressed. Patricia Mullins provided an overview of what future CDBG funds could be utilized for including land acquisition. Various additional programs were discussed including aging in place initiatives.
4. Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 and a back up date of Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> were confirmed as ideal times for a community based forum.
5. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday 2/5/13 at 10am in Town Hall. Meeting adjourned.