

Elder Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: September 15, 2009

Call to Order: 6:02 P.M.

In attendance: Stacy Thrall, chairwoman; Al Baldasaro, vicechair;
Dorothy Greenler, Secretary; Helen Conti, Nancy Irwin,
Peg Johnson, Ruth Silverman

Alternates: Flo Silva
Elder Affairs Coordinator: Sara Landry
Town Council Liaison: Kathy Wagner

Absent: Alternates: David Howard, Sandy Weston

Guest: Susan Haussler, resident

Old Business:

1. The minutes of the EAC meeting of April 18, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. Copies of Resolution 2009-12 relative to the reservation of Map 15, Lot 83-2 for future use for affordable elderly housing were distributed to the members who do not have E-mail.

New Business:

1. A lively discussion of the news articles appearing in the Londonderry Times, the Union Leader and the Derry News relative to their coverage of the low-cost senior housing for the elderly took place. The focus of the newspapers was directed towards the building of a new senior center rather than targeting the low-cost apartments which are the primary concern of the EAC relative to this development.

Nancy Wagner indicated that the mention of a new senior center also caused some concern with both the Town Council and the capital Improvement Committee (CIP). Stacy will contact John Farrell (head of Planning and chair of CIP) and the newspapers with a clarification that a new senior center was mentioned merely as a possibility in a long range plan. At this time, the main objective is the construction of Phase I of the complex for low-cost senior housing.

2. An E-mail from Bill Hart (the architect for SNHS) informed Stacy that they had obtained the services of the Hadfield law firm as the CDBG consultant and also the services of T.F. Moran as the civil engineer to help with the utility estimates and site preliminary review.

3. Laurie Palmeira who manages both senior housing for SNHS at The Meadow at Northwood Sherwood Woods in Deerfield will gladly schedule visits to both properties. Helen Conti will contact her to make the necessary arrangements.

4. A brain-storming session was conducted to obtain feedback on what the EAC members would like to see available in this development. Stacy will make copies of this list and have them available for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next meeting of the EAC will be held at 6:00 P.M. on October 20, 2009 in the Sunnycrest Conference room at the Town Hall. SNHS staff will be invited to discuss EAC's "wish list" and share their expertise.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Greener

Secretary