

Elder Affairs Committee Minutes

April 17, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Quorum Established

Attendance : Stacy Thrall Chairperson, Al Baldasaro Vice Chair, Daniel Lekas Secretary, Susan Haussler, Sherry Farrell , Helen Conti, Kimberly Bean, Dolores Stoklosa, Bonnie Roberts and Bonnie Ritvo, and Flo Silva

Guests: K. Bailey of the Londonderry Times, Andy Leach from Senator Kelly Ayottes office, Greg Carson from HUD and Andre Garon

Old Business: January, February, and March minutes approved

New Business: Andy Leach (guest of Rep Baldasaro) Spoke of the funding allocation process for 202 HUD funding, as well as told the committee of Sen. Ayottes willingness to provide a letter of recommendation for the senior housing project in the next round of funding to accompany the application.

Greg Carson of HUD under the instruction of Sen. Ayottes office gave an explanation of how applications are accepted; he also stated that because of constantly changing criteria is not unusual for an organization to try two or three times before approval.

Mr. Carson also made the committee aware that there would be no funding allocations for the 2012 calendar year because of budget cuts. The next round of approvals will be in June of 2013. Andre Garon explained to the committee that there was not any available town owned land that could be offered for senior housing project but explained that he would see if it was worth re-visiting the Sanborn Rd site.

Attached is Susan Hausslers Senior housing subcommittee report

Susan Hausler, chair

Respectfully submitted,

On March 29th, Southern New Hampshire Services [SNHS] Special Projects Coordinator Phil Grandmason and I attended the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority's [NHHFA] public hearing on its 2013 Qualified Allocation Plan for the low income housing tax credit program. The plan recommends that they issue tax credits for up to \$450,000 for two senior projects. To apply for funding, projects must submit by the May 15th deadline a conceptual application which includes the proposed housing site. The full application is due August 29, 2012. Funding decisions will likely be announced November 1st. If we are successful, these dollars would be part of our HUD 202 application in 2013.

On April 3rd, Kim Bean, Bonnie Ritvo, Deanna Mele, and I met with Phil and Andre Garon, Londonderry's Director of Community Development at the Senior Center to discuss land in Londonderry that might be suitable for affordable senior housing. We learned that there is no town owned property available at this time that meets our needs. However, Andre suggested a couple of privately owned properties on town water and sewer that might be suitable for senior housing. Andre and Phil will contact the owner of the property that looked most desirable to the group.

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The Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm
Next Meeting scheduled for May 15 6:00 pm in the Sunnycrest conference room.
Respectfully submitted, Dan Lekas EAC secretary

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