ELDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: April 18, 2011 Call to order: 6:30pm

In attendance: Stacy Thrall, Bonnie Roberts, Sherry Farrell, John Farrell, Sandy

Weston, Al Baldasaro, David Howard Absent: Dan Lekas

Guests: Phil Grandmaison, SNH Services, David White Architect

Old Business: None

New Business:

Affordable Senior Housing

Southern NH Services announced that HUD has awarded 165 units to be built in New England and they will be submitting an application for 60 units on Sanborn Road. A level 1 environmental assessment on the property has been commissioned by Southern NH Services.

The deadline for application submission is June 1, 2011 and the turnaround time is October 2011. Should the application be approved the CDBG grant will move forward in Jan 2012. Phil G. reported he had sent out 18 letters per Sara Landry's recommendation to area service providers to elicit their support of the project.

Phil G. reported Andrew Bower is the attorney doing the Title Work. Further he told the Committee the unit per building would require a Conditional Use Permit from the town and the acreage of land would require a variance from town zoning. Southern NH Services is prepared to pay \$15,000 per unit.

Sub-committee member Susan Haussler was unable to attend our meeting however she submitted an e-mail to the group. *Please see attachment to the minutes.

Elderly Tax Exemption

Sara Landry elicited the support of the Committee to advocate for a language change in the Elderly Tax Exemption. There is a local woman that came to Sara because she is being penalized for the death of her husband regarding the income guidelines. Because her husband died in September 2010, per current language, her status remained at married disqualifying her for the exemption. Sara has elicited support from Committee member David Howard regarding drafting language and State Representative Al Baldasaro to submit at the appropriate legislation cycle.

Committee will attend Town Council meeting tonight @ 7:00 PM in support of the Affordable Senior Housing Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Thrall, chairwoman

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