

APPENDIX A

Wording to replace the section entitled VOTER PARTICIPATION in the minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: As agreed at the Commission's April 19th meeting, Mr. Dwyer invited Frank DeLucia, Executive Director of Newtown Housing For The Elderly, Inc., (NHE), to attend our May 17th meeting for the purpose of telling the Commissioners about his organization. The following is a summary of his remarks which includes information from a brochure he distributed that provided a brief history of NHE and Nunnawauk Meadows, a housing facility in Newtown for the elderly and disabled that NHE owns.

NHE was created as a non-profit corporation in 1968 to study the needs of the elderly and disabled of Newtown. When it became clear that there was a shortage of housing for such persons it proceeded to have the Nunnawauk Meadows housing complex constructed on land provided by the State of Connecticut with funding obtained from the Farmers Home Administration. Construction began in March of 1976 and the first tenant moved in the following January.

Mr. DeLucia played a significant role in the formation of NHE as he was First Selectman from 1972 to 1976 and remained on the Board of Selectman until 1978. He also helped form the Commission on Aging during his term in office and, with the help of Mae Schmidle, assisted in the creation of Newtown's first Senior Center and the Children's Adventure Center with funding from a Small Cities Grant.

He provided the commissioners with the following general information about Nunnawauk:

It has 134 units which are restricted to persons over the age of 62 and to anyone who is disabled regardless of age, with no requirement of prior residency in Newtown or the state of Connecticut.

It also has a community room for various recreational activities, a library and an exercise room.

There's currently a waiting list of 150 persons and it usually takes several years for an applicant to get in. Most of those on the waiting list are in a low income bracket.

80% to 90% of the units are subsidized.

The rent for each resident is based on what such person can afford and the balance is made up from federal funding.

The maximum annual amount a resident is required to pay is 30% of such person's adjusted gross income.

As all towns in the State of Connecticut are required to have a certain amount of housing available for those with low incomes (i.e. affordable housing) Nunnawauk helps Newtown meet that requirement.

The guideline for defining "low income" in our area is the median income for Danbury.

NHE would like to build more units but are holding off until they finish a renovation project which is currently in progress.

At the conclusion of his talk he invited the Commissioners to visit Nunnawauk and Commissioner Barbara Wadleigh, a resident there, praised the housing and amenities it provides.