

Elder Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: May 19, 2009

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.

In attendance:

Members: Stacy Thrall, Chairwoman; Al Baldasaro, Vice Chair;  
Dorothy Greenler, Secretary; Helen Conti, Nancy Irwin,  
Ruth Silverman

Alternates: DAvid Howard, Flo Silva, Sandy WEston

Absent: Member Peg Johnson, Elder Affairs Coordinator Sara Landry

Guest: ANDre Garron, Director of Planning and Development

Old Business:

The minutes of the EAC meeting of April 21, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

1. At the request of Stacy, a line-by-line discussion of the twelve town-owned lots listed as possibilities for the location of a development for Low-cost senior Housing was undertaken. A study of the town maps, together with comments from Andre, revealed that, with the exception of Plots A and B, none were suitable for a variety of reasons: i.e. no access, no availability of water or sewer, insufficient acreage, wetlands, power lines, etc.

2. An aerial view and accompanying map of 30 Sanborn Road (Map 15 Lot 8-2 designated as Plot A) were distributed and its salient points highlighted. This accessible 13.67 acre site zoned R-111, is located within 2 miles of I95, Exit 5, and consists of an open field with some wetlands. Sewer is available within 600 feet, water within 530 feet and gas within 100 feet. Near-by services include the grange hall (Senior Center), gas stations, fast food, three sit-down restaurants, YMCA, and Park & Ride to Boston. The closest medical facilities include Elliot Medical Offices, Parkland Hospital, CMC Manchester and the Elliot Hospital Manchester. An estimated 7 (possibly more) acres are deemed buildable and figuring on at least 6 units per acre would allow construction of 42 units.

3. Similarly, the aerial view and map for Old Derry Road (Map16, Lot 23 designated as Plot B) was studied. This 180 acre site, zoned AR-1, also is located within 2 miles of I95 Exit 5 but a considerable portion of acreage is wetlands. There is the possibility of sewer if the site across the street is developed. Water is available within 1000 feet, but there is no gas. Services close-by include gas station, fast food, three restaurants, Park & Ride to Boston. The available medical facilities are the same as those for Plot A.

3. Conclusions:

Al Baldasaro recommended that the Sanborn Road site (Plot A) was the best suitable location.

Stacy then made a <sup>motion</sup> that the EAC bring a proposal before the Town Council Meeting of June 15th (7:00 P.M.) requesting the Town to donate the Sanborn acreage for the development of Low-cost Senior Housing. Motion passed unanimously.

Members and Alternates of the EAC are strongly urged to attend this <sup>meeting</sup> to show their support and to emphasize the need for this type of housing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

The next meeting of the EAC will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in the Sunnycrest Conference Room of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy G. Arcade*  
Secretary