

Minutes
Baron's South Committee
July 1, 2011

The meeting of the Barons South Committee was called to order by Marty Hauhuth at 9:30 am

In attendance:

Steve Daniels, co-chair
Marty Hauhuth, co-chair
John Thompson
Paul VanOrden
Jo Fuchs-Luscombe
Yvonne Senturia
Reverend Ed Horne
Ken Bernhard
Barbara Butler
Shelly Kassen, Selectwoman

The minutes from the June 17 meeting were unanimously approved.

RFP development:

Gail Kelly, Steve and Marty met with Ira Bloom and Dough LaMont to begin the RFP process.

Community forums and meetings:

Community Forum on July 11: The committee will meet with Dr. Julie Robison at 5:00pm to tour the site before a light dinner. The forum will begin at 7:00pm, and end at 8:30pm. Publicity fliers have been prepared, and will be widely distributed. Additional community forum might include discussion of the small house model. Marty will attend the August 2nd RTM meeting as representative of the BSC. A September community forum, to review current progress on the development of the RFP will be scheduled for either September 21st or September 26th, depending on availability of potential speakers.

Lengthy discussion regarding work that needs to be done by the committee before a draft RFP would be ready for public comment. Priority to applicant who meets or exceeds the program criteria. Will provide guidelines, but be open enough to allow creative feedback. For example, respondents would have the option to explain how the proposal would change if they purchased rather than leased the land.

Boston site visits:

General overview of the five facilities visited, with more details to be provided at the next meeting, due to time constraints. Impressed with the ability of the two affordable housing communities to arrange for supportive services to allow residents to age in place. We were encouraged by the ability of these facilities to allow residents to stay in their apartments until they needed to be in a skilled nursing facility.

Simon Fireman had a great sense of community, like our senior center, including a series of small common areas. Lots of glass, so that outside came in, curved benches, small café that doubled as a gathering space for card games.

Our senior housing benefits from proximity to the existing senior center. Further discussions with Sue Pfister regarding interface between the two facilities. Barbara and Yvonne will meet with Terry G, regarding how CT provides the supportive services available in MA.

Also visited a small free standing hospice and two skilled care facilities constructed around the household model, including the first urban GreenHouse.

Components of the senior housing facility:

Will want great common areas throughout the building. Office for resident services coordinator. Another small office that doubles as a small conference room for family meetings, case conferences? Will there be a small exercise/health education facility, an optional dining room, a small store to be staffed by volunteers, a lending library?

Upcoming site visit:

July 8th at Waveney in New Canaan. Details to be provided.

Next meeting:

July 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.