

**Minutes
Baron's South Committee
September 23, 2011**

In Attendance:

Steve Daniels, Co-Chair
Marty Hauhuth, Co-Chair
Yvonne Senturia
Kenneth Bernhard
Paul Van Orden
John Thompson
Reverend Ed Horne
Sharon H. Rosen
Barbara Butler, Director of Human Services
Shelly Kassen, Selectman

Guests:

Susan Pfister
Terry Giegengack

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM by Steve Daniels

RFP Work Session

Phase one and two were clarified. We don't want to discourage anyone from coming forward regarding phase two. Language in RFP focuses on developers demonstrating vision and understanding of phase two. We want to attract developers who have an interest in long term care as well.

We discussed the State of CT's new focus on re-balancing long term care to the community, recognizing the need for long term care is not going away. Reference to text amendment in the RFP to the 35% completion of phase one prior to development of phase two. RFP language regarding phase two will include language such as " Please consider submitting option conceptual plan that encompasses an overall vision of a senior living campus."

Emphasis of the RFP will be on independence. Discussed accessibility of Senior Center to the Baron's housing. There should be consideration of senior center in the planning. It is also important to focus on the qualifications of the agency that will be overseeing and managing the residence.

Simon Firemen – Report of visit to Simone Firemen residence by Sue Pfister and Terry Giegengack of The Department of Human Services. Terry and Sue felt that residents of Simon Firemen were an impaired population compared to the population they believe will be residents of the Baron's South senior housing. Sue and Terry don't see a congregate meal program as part of the future building design. Social meeting places are a wonderful concept and can include a smaller kitchen setting . Sue and Terry feel that many residents of Baron's South will participate in lunch at the senior center. They also feel that a general store is unnecessary for our project due to location and the population being served. Simon Firemen is similar to Canal Park in that the entire facility is affordable housing. They recommend including state of the art amenities including Wi-Fi. Their input is very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Next meeting scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2011.