

# Dover Long Range Planning Committee

March 4, 2014

Attendees: Jack Donoghue, Rich Forté, Robyn Hunter, Mark Sarro, Sue Sheridan,  
Peter Smith, Wally Weld

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

*Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm*

## 1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mrs. Sheridan moved that the minutes of the January 8 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Weld. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

## 2. Master Plan follow-up

At the previous meeting it was noted that there were no recommendations pertaining to the Dover Housing Partnership. Mr. Forté inquired with the Town Administrator's office as to the status of the Partnership and received the following reply:

Currently there is no active Housing Partnership. The affordable units at The Meadows and Dover Farms are managed by a third party administrator. The Town is not involved with respect to those locations per the comprehensive permits. There are a total of 24 affordable units in Dover: 13 at County Court, 6 at The Meadows and 5 at Dover Farms.

Mrs. Sheridan informed the Committee that the Council on Aging has acquired an eight-seat, handi-capped-accessible van through the Metro West Regional Transit Authority. The Dover Highway Department will store and maintain the van. The Town will hire and train drivers.

As a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting Mrs. Sheridan passed out a 2010 letter (attached) from the Council on Aging to the Long Range Planning Committee stating the Council's interest in transportation and housing.

## 3. Other discussions

Mr. Sarro says that work is moving ahead on drafting a bylaw to regulate the siting of medical marijuana dispensaries in Dover.

Mr. Sarro also noted that Parks and Recreation has come before the Capital Budget Committee to discuss their plans for re-purposing various fields at Caryl and Chickering Parks. They expressed interest in presenting their plans to this Committee.

*Mr. Sarro moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith;  
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:50 pm*

*The next meeting will be April 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary

*Approved April 1, 2014*

November 1, 2010

Mark Sarro, Chair  
Long Range Planning Committee  
Planning Board  
Dover, MA

Dear Mark:

The Board of Directors of the Council on Aging met today and discussed the Master Plan survey. The Board has identified three key issues that affect seniors in the community of Dover, and they would like to see these included on the survey to residents. These issues are Transportation, Senior Center, and Senior Housing. Currently, there is no public transportation in Dover for seniors, and the COA assists seniors with this issue weekly. The COA would like to see a stand alone senior center on a town owned parcel where seniors could gather for programs and support services in one key location. The COA administered a Senior Housing Survey a few years ago and had a 42% return with seniors expressing interest in moving to senior housing within Dover, rather than relocating outside their community.

Thank you for including these issues on the survey. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Betty Hagan, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Dover Council on Aging

cc: J. Claypoole, Dover COA

Attachment: Handout at LRPC meeting