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Town of East Granby Plan of Conservation & Development Update

Commission on Aging: Goals & Concerns Worksheet

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This PoCD section will cover the Town's efforts to provide clean drinking water, to efficiently manage wastewater needs, and establish goals for future needs. Broad goals from the 2016 PoCD included:

- Increase housing variety to better serve changing demographics
- Promote creation of apartments and assisted living facilities

Considering all the above, please add notes in the following broad areas:

Significant events of the past ten years (victories, losses)

Questions to consider:

- Has the Town accomplished the goals stated above and are those goals still relevant?
- Is there sufficient housing for the aging population?
- Are there sufficient options for seniors that are income constrained?
- Are there transit options for those who can no longer drive?

There has been no increase in housing varieties nor has there been the creation of apartments or assisted living facilities. So the town goals have NOT been accomplished over the last 10 years.

There is current insufficient housing for the aging population and there is a significant waiting list for the two house complexes we have.

No, there is not sufficient options for seniors that are income constrained.

No, there are not enough transit options for those who can no longer drive either. With the new federal budget cuts, it has made it even worse with the elimination of low expense ride shares as well.

Adding more budget funds for our in-town bus for more days and hours of service would also be quite a welcome benefit.

Concerns for the next decade

Things to consider:

- Walkability of senior housing complexes
- Transportation options
- Services for seniors within the town (healthcare, senior center facility, etc)

All of the above are still continuing issues to be considered for the next decade as well. If would also be most beneficial if we could assist seniors in their own homes with minor repairs, and weekly support as well. IE: meal prep, dusting, cleaning, laundry, minor household repairs.

As noted above, we would also like more budget funds to expand the in-town bus service to more days and hours.

Goals and Hopes

With the addition of the new Town Center, it would be great to have walkways put in from each of the villages to the town center and shops and library. Perhaps easements to back side of Metacomet can be achieved for direct access to the town center for a straight forward path and avoiding the busy Rte 187.

Along with enhanced bus services, expand the type of services provided. IE rides for cancer treatments at area hospitals, dialysis treatment rides, etc.