

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty
Louis Richards
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Eugene Harvey

Excused: Ted Walen, Vice-Chair
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary
Mark Cooper

Guests: Lainie Jedlinsky & June Bennett, Grace Meadows Senior Housing Board
Tom Crider, President, Southbury Land Trust

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:02 p.m.

GUESTS

Lainie Jedlinsky and June Bennett, members of the Grace Meadows Senior Housing Board, presented a proposal to the STS Board of Trustees to acquire forty-five acres of land at STS, specifically located on the north side of Route 172 known as the Personnel Village. This property would be used to expand Grace Meadows, a facility designed for persons aged sixty-two years or older with low to moderate income, and who can live independently or with an aid in a non-medical supported environment. The proposed area is already serviced by a sewer and water company and a gas line which runs along route 172. It is anticipated that Personnel Village will be closed within the next eighteen months. The parcel of land which encompasses the area known as Personnel Village and the driveway serving it is approximately twenty-two acres. That parcel plus twenty-three acres of unimproved land directly to the north and along the existing property line on the east would allow for the current and future low/moderate income senior housing needs for Southbury. The Grace Meadows Senior Housing Board requests a letter from the STS Board that endorses this plan. Discussion followed and it was decided to continue at the next BOT Meeting due to several absent members. The Chairman thanked Lainie Jedlinsky and June Bennett for their informative presentation.

Tom Crider, President of the Southbury Land Trust, updated the Board on the efforts of preserving state-owned farmland. The Governor and OPM are now considering the proposal from the State of Connecticut's Farmland Preservation Advisory Board to preserve six state-owned land areas, which includes the farmland at Southbury Training School. The land at STS will be considered first and thus be used as a model for the remaining land areas. The Office of Policy and Management is looking at this through an Executive Order from the Governor, or to transfer oversight of the proposed land to the Department of Agriculture. The last recommendation would be through a bill in the Legislature. After a brief discussion, the Chairman thanked Tom Crider for his update.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Lou Richards reported on the Commissioner's first stakeholder group meeting related to the Five Year Plan held on January 18th at Manchester Community College which he attended along with Eugene Harvey. The focus was to review and revise the DDS Mission and Vision Statement to reflect the changes in the department. One concern expressed was the issue of aging in place, specifically relating to STS residents who move to a group home and not end up in a nursing home due to medical needs. The Commissioner stated he has made it a priority to see this does not happen with group homes accommodating the medical needs of our residents. The minutes for this meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dds> clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Developmental Services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cottage 3 and Cottage 35:

Work continues today in Cottage 3 to receive the Medical Department offices and in Cottage 35 to receive OT/PT which is scheduled for transfers in middle to late February.

Dental Clinic:

Outside contractors will be hired to complete most of the work on this project which is expected to begin in the spring.

Request for Use of STS Farmland:

A request from Tom Ashmore to use STS farmland and surrounding wooded area for police rescue training was presented to the Director's Office this past December. After the meeting Mr. Ashmore called to report he found another resource area for his training.

New Hires:

STS has recently hired three new Cottage Charges, three Program Supervisors, four Case Managers, and this week will fill the Director of Psychology position.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room**. It was recommended to have Dr. DeCandia, Medical Director, as the guest speaker, and to add to the agenda the policy of one to ones at local hospitals.

There being no further business, Dr. Taylor moved the meeting adjourn at 2:36 p.m., Lou Richards seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
January 26, 2012