

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
February 5, 2007**

Present: Sue Kay, Chairperson
Paul J. Leary
Michael Molisse
Jack Carey

Not Present: Patrick O'Connor

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman Kay called the Senior Citizens Committee Meeting to order at 6:45pm.

07 001 - Home Rule Petition/Fulton School

The Fulton project was a measure previously authorized by the Council. A successful bid has been received. The proposal calls for a 62 and older age restriction which is allowed under federal law. This Home Rule Petition seeks an exemption from Massachusetts regulation 151B which forbids discrimination in projects of this nature.

In January, the Legislature passed an exemption for all petitions of this nature. It becomes effective this month. Mr. Wilson stated that although this home rule petition may end up not being needed, he believes it is prudent to take the vote anyway. He noted that the legislation covers 55 and older housing. The proposed petition is for an age restriction of 62 and older.

Councilor Kay stated that statistics show there is currently a tremendous need for elderly housing as well as projected increases in the coming years.

Councilor Molisse made a MOTION to REFER item number 07 001 to the Town Council with a favorable report and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Kay stated that an Elder Caucus has been meeting regarding elder abuse. The State is attempting to take action to protect elders. She stated that she would like to have a measure number assigned in order to discuss this issue.

At 7:00 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Molisse to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Sue Kay, Chairperson