

## Minutes of Human Services Committee Meeting Held February 27, 2002

Subject of Meeting: Special Town Meeting Articles concerning Cape End Manor Care Campus

Committee Members in Attendance: Paul Jackson, David Eliseo, Laurie DeSouza-Green, Mary Crowley and Betty Krier

Dennis Anderson and Eileen Thomas, of the Cape End Manor, and Mark Latour, Assistant Town Manager, were also present at the meeting. They began by very briefly describing some of the benefits expected from the proposed care campus and speaking to some of the objections raised. Primarily, however, they were there to answer Human Services Committee members' questions, and to seek their support for the initiative.

Committee members' questions touched on a range of issues, such as what it would mean to lose site Y as a watershed district and how site Y compared with other options considered. They focused most heavily, though, on the issue of ensuring the care campus would remain exactly that, and continue to include a nursing home. Some of these questions focused on language in the article restricting the use of the land, and some explored the function of the board of directors of the non-profit entity that would run the complex. In response to at least one of the questions on language, Anderson said he would check into it before town meeting.

After Anderson, Thomas, and Latour left, committee members discussed whether to support the articles. All were in favor of the care campus. All were also concerned that this use for the land be ensured in perpetuity, and were not entirely sure that the articles as written did so. The committee decided to vote to go on record in support of the articles, but to raise these issues at the remaining public meeting on the care campus, on March 18, and again when the articles were presented at town meeting.