

Resolution Regarding the Kent/Station Street Senior Affordable Housing Development

Voted that the Town adopt the following resolution,

WHEREAS Town Meeting passed a resolution in 2016 to study the feasibility of building age-restricted affordable housing on the Kent/Station Street Town-owned lot (Parcel No. 140-05-00);

WHEREAS the Committee was formed, including a stipulation in their mission to retain all of the public parking on site, and, following a request for proposals issued by the Town, a developer was selected;

WHEREAS the cost to maintain the 39 parking spaces is estimated to cost millions more than initially proposed and will require the Town of Brookline to subsidize that amount in full;

WHEREAS Brookline is a member of the World Health Organization's international network of Age-Friendly Cities and has committed to taking meaningful actions toward becoming a more age-friendly community;

WHEREAS Brookline has an aging population in need of a substantial expansion of Brookline's supply of housing suitable for seniors;

WHEREAS Brookline's need for more housing that is affordable to seniors who make a low-to-moderate income is as acute as it was in 2016;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that this Town Meeting urges the Town to pursue affordable senior rental housing on the Kent/Station Street site (Parcel No. 140-05-00) in a manner that is cost-efficient for the Town. A revised RFP will be issued only after the Town's Department of Planning and Community Development and the Transportation Board after appropriate study have secured adequate sites during construction and upon completion for the 37 permitted merchant full-day public parking spaces and 2 Zipcar spaces currently located on the Kent/Station Street lot, whether or not located on the site, and with only potentially removing a limited number of metered public parking spaces currently available in Brookline Village. Adequacy shall be determined by the Transportation Board and EDAB after holding public hearings.