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TOWN PROPOSES SEVEN-ACRE SITE ON ABRAHAM'S PATH, AMAGANSETT FOR NEW, LARGER SENIOR CENTER

New, centrally located building will allow for expanded services for senior citizens

The Town of East Hampton has identified a seven-acre Amagansett site as the proposed location for a new, larger senior center.

The property, at 403 Abraham's Path, is centrally located in the town and is easily accessible from Montauk Highway and by back roads from Amagansett, Springs, and East Hampton. It provides a quiet, natural setting for the new senior center, with ample room for parking, additional amenities and/or future expansion.

The new building will allow for continued and expanded programs to support the physical, mental, and social well-being of East Hampton's senior citizens.

In addition to accommodating the current and future needs of the Senior Nutrition and Adult Day Care programs, the new building, which will be fully handicapped-accessible, will allow for multiple other activities to take place simultaneously and will provide a permanent home for the East Hampton Food Pantry. It will provide space for additional wellness programs, such as yoga, dance, meditation and health screenings; allow for more enrichment programs, such as healthy living lectures, and provide comfortable spaces to hold book clubs, card games, art classes, movie screenings, and more.

A new senior center was originally slated to be built on the site of the existing center at 128 Springs Fireplace Road in East Hampton. But that plan was abandoned for a number of reasons including site limitations, disruption during construction to current senior center services, and increasing traffic congestion in the area. In the fall of 2019 it was determined that the town would pursue an alternate location for the new, larger senior center facility.

The purchase price for the seven acres is \$1.63 million. The land is adjacent to an undeveloped portion of the town-owned Terry King Ball Field complex and is bordered to the south by the LIRR tracks and to the east by the Stony Hill Stables. The site is approximately two miles and a five-minute drive from the current senior center.

In keeping with the Town Board's commitment, under the town's recent climate emergency declaration, to the guiding principles of eliminating of greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate and environmental impacts, the new senior center will be designed to be a highly energy-efficient facility, with a wastewater system that is safe for the environment.

Both the town's Senior Center Building Committee and its Energy Sustainability Committee will provide expertise as the project moves forward.

Councilwoman Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, liaison to the Town's Human Services Department, stated, "There are so many exciting aspects to this project. The proposed site for the new senior center gives us the ability to create indoor spaces that are light-filled and purposeful as well as outdoor spaces that are natural and tranquil, all while being environmentally responsible – as the energy needed to run the new center will come from renewable sources." Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez went on to state, "I look forward to continuing our collaboration with seniors in our community on the design of the new indoor and outdoor spaces as well as programming they would like to see take place once they've settled into the new center."

"I am very excited that we have found a highly appropriate location for this much-needed facility that will serve the needs of the growing senior population of our town," said East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc. "The COVID-19 pandemic only underscored the importance of the services provided by our Human Services Department. The new center will allow us to continue providing that support, and to expand our offerings."

The proposed property purchase will be discussed by the Town Board at its work session beginning at 11 a.m. on April 20, which can be viewed live online at LTVeh.org or at LTV channel 22.

Immediate next steps include holding a public hearing to acquire the property, issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural, Energy Modeling and Engineering Services, and bonding for the potential purchase of the seven-acre property, as well as continuing outreach to the community on building and program design.