

# Selectmen to Hear Proposal for Senior Housing on South Park Property

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The Easton Board of Selectmen will hear at tonight's meeting a proposal to build senior housing on the remaining 10 acres of the South Park Avenue property.

The proposal comes weeks after enough residents signed a petition to force a **special town meeting** on May 31 to place a conservation easement on the land. The 10 acres are part of a 29-acre town-owned parcel, 19 acres of which Easton voters **approved selling** to the Aspetuck Land Trust in May. Those wanting an easement on the 10 remaining acres believe it will protect it from development.

Davis Owens, an Easton resident with the Stratford-based Land Sail Properties LLC, will present a proposal to build senior housing at 18-22 South Park Avenue. The plan also calls for an outdoor classroom and maintenance of New England Prayer Center as tenant

"I'd like to see housing for seniors because our town surely needs it," Owens said.

"There is no place for long- time Easton residents to downsize and stay in this town."

Owens, who spoke at a **June 2 board of selectmen meeting**, said he would have presented his proposal at the special town meeting, which he attended, but, according to Owens, the "hostility and anger of the people in attendance" convinced him that it

“wasn’t the place to voice his suggestion.”

First Selectman David Bindeglass said the board of selectman will listen to Owen’s presentation, and stressed that the South Park Avenue property cannot be sold without a town-wide vote as outlined in the new land use ordinance approved by a referendum in September 2021.

The selectman will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in town hall. Residents can also participate in the meeting virtually via Zoom:

**Virtually via Zoom**

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