

**Letter to the editor:**

**WILTON COMMONS UPDATE: 2/2/10**

**Over the past year, the Wilton Commons' Board has remained very active in continuing our building plans and financing efforts for our affordable congregate housing facility for seniors in Wilton. We continue to have support of our town's officials via the long term lease option on the 4.5 acres near Wilton Center.**

**The need for this housing complex is very much in evidence with the growing list of over 100 informal requests for the 74 units that will be available. This combined with the public/private partnership structure projected first year positive cash flow while adding construction and private jobs make it a win/win for all involved.**

**Over 200 families, businesses and foundations have given or pledged \$2 million in private funds to Wilton Commons. We are most pleased that we have received almost unanimous ongoing support for this project.**

**Simply put, however, we have not been able to finalize or break ground for this "shovel ready" housing complex as events surrounding these economic times have curtailed funding we have sought from Connecticut and Federal governments. Even the stimulus housing segment does not support new senior affordable housing.**

**Over the past two years, we have been in constant contact with our state's Department of Economic and Community Development and the Connecticut Housing and Finance Authority. Their funds have been frozen. Peggy Reeves and Toni Boucher, our State Representative and Senator respectively have been very active on our behalf. We will continue to work diligently to open up State and Federal funding avenues. We are praying that the financing gates will open in 2010 and if successful we stand ready to move forward immediately.**

**Hopefully, our next communications will be on a more positive note.**

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