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National Development files plans for Lexington sr. housing community

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Lexington, MA National Development has filed plans with the town for a new senior housing community on land to be purchased from Belmont Country Club. The company introduced the development to a joint meeting of the board of selectmen and planning board last summer, and has been actively meeting with key constituents through a series of open community meetings.

The development will include two buildings on opposite sides of Watertown St. adjacent to Rte. 2.

Bridges at Lexington is planned to be a 48-unit assisted living building on the east side of Watertown St., and Waterstone at Lexington is a 156-unit independent and assisted living building on the west side.

The project design team includes Elkus Manfredi Architects, designers of Waterstone at Lexington and CBT Architects, designers of Bridges at Lexington. Landscape, site design, and transportation consulting is by Stantec's Boston studio.

National Development and its operating partner, Epoch Senior Living, have developed over 40 senior living communities, primarily in Massachusetts.

"Waterstone and Bridges at Lexington will provide a wonderful new living opportunity for local seniors and the aging parents of local residents who want to live in the community," said National Development managing partner Ted Tye. "We have worked with our design team to create two attractive buildings that will fit well into the wooded environment, address comments from the community and minimize impact on neighbors."

While contributing to the local tax base, the age-restricted senior housing development will have no impacts on local schools and minimal impacts on other Town services. Given that many future residents are not expected to own cars and transportation services will be made available, projected vehicle trips will have no discernable impact on local roads.

National Development has been reaching out to town officials and neighbors through meetings, mailings, and via an online forum courb.co/lexsenior. The site houses project-related materials and allows the public to participate in an active online discussion to ask questions and respond to comments.

In preparation for a fall 2018 town meeting vote, additional public meetings regarding the planned development will be held with town boards, including the planning board and board of selectmen, in the coming months. In addition to public meeting notices, all public meetings and events concerning Waterstone/Bridges at Lexington will be posted at courb.co/lexsenior.

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