

**Minutes of the Public Hearing to Provide Information on the Island Living, Inc. Senior Housing Project
March 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM**

Board members present: Neal Prokosch, Dawn Mertens, Susan Peterson (via phone)

Others present: Christopher Knoll, Minnewaska Community Health Services, Gene Wenstrom (via phone), Deb
Lingl, Dawn Soukup, Bev Kellogg

The hearing was opened by Neal Prokosch.

Christopher Knoll, CEO of Minnewaska Community Health Services answered questions from those in attendance and discussed answers to questions that are usually raised at meetings such as this.

The Senior Housing Project will consist of 15 units with a projected cost of \$3 million. The project will be funded by a loan from the USDA. Interest rates are very favorable at this time which will assist in keeping costs down.

Progress on the project continues to move forward and there is a strong possibility of construction starting this Fall and completion in the Spring of 2021.

Rent rates for a unit will be very comparable for the area. Current projections are \$3000 to \$4000 per month.

Memory care could add an additional \$1000.

As the project continues additional meetings will be planned. It was suggested that informational meetings be held at Senior gatherings occurring at the Bird Island Cultural Centre and other locations.

The hearing was closed around 10:25 AM by Neal Prokosch.

Dawn Mertens, Secretary
Island Living, Inc.