

# Hager Homestead Newsletter

## February 2022

*Building the first 55+ cohousing community in New England*



### **Pictures From Mayhew's Drone!**

At our full circle meeting this week Mayhew showed footage he made with his new Drone. At the forefront of this shot is the foundation work for several of the cottages. The rear of the Federal House is center right. Across King Street and beyond the field is town conservation land. Beyond that is Long Lake, which has a public access beach.

***Scroll down for more pictures.***

**Find Out About the Project!**

Hear about our plans, timeline, and how to reserve a home. Limited pre-construction homes available in the only 55+ cohousing community in New England.

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**February Zoom Info Session!!**

**Sun., Feb 20, 6-7 pm EST**

[Click to Register for Sunday](#)

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## **The Importance of our Priority List!!**

*We said it last month and we'll say it again:  
You should be on our Priority List*

**You're not ready to live with us yet,  
but would like to in the future?**

When we have a home for sale at Hager Homestead—as we do now—we offer it first to the current member/owners, and then to members on our Priority List. That's why, if you're interested in Hager Homestead, your best chance to someday live in our community is to 1. attend an Info Session, 2. become an Explorer, 3. then move onto our Priority List.

We have an [Info Session](#) this weekend on Sunday evening. (See announcement above.)

Scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to tour our site, or follow this link to our [website](#) for information on how to become an Explorer and get on our Priority List!

## Our Hager Homestead Drone-meister



**Above:** There he is, our own Mayhew, standing by his orange car in the church parking lot next to our future home, operating his new drone! We could have hired someone to fly a drone over the project but, heck, why not just buy one? (In his spare time, Mayhew takes cello lessons.)

**Below** is the entire, impressive sweep of the future Hager Homestead. On the left is the newly-moved barn and behind it, also left, is what we're still calling the "Retained

Unit", an existing home that will become two more units in the project's 2nd stage. To the right is the new foundation work and in the distance is the Federal House.



## Start Now: Get Rid of Your Junk!

- **Virtual Downsizing Class.** With our move-in date in 2023, a few members attended a virtual Downsizing Class last month. The advice was simple: 1) Start early and, 2) It takes longer than you think. The owner of the space below did NOT take the class. However, that blue and white vase at the rear? On top of the mini-fridge? Beneath the painting? Successfully downsized yesterday.



## Dreams Foreclosed

*"They Took a Chance on Collaborative Living.  
They Lost Everything."* -- New York Times

**Not all cohousing stories have a happy ending.** This week (Feb 11) the New York Times related the discouraging story of Rocky Corner Cohousing in Connecticut. It was to be the home of a cohousing community that included some of our own friends. But they were hit by a combination of bureaucratic delays, unexpected costs, and bad luck. Their lender completed foreclosure this month (Jan. 2022).

**Hager Homestead** (aka Middlesex Senior Cohousing) is grateful to have partnered with an experienced developer, Matt Blackham, who guides our cohousing project through the difficult and tricky development process.

**Rocky Corner** tells its own story here:

<http://rockycorner.org/uncategorized/january-2022-update->

## [Tour Our Site!](#)

Visit [Hagerhomestead.org](http://Hagerhomestead.org) and scroll to the bottom of the '[About Our Project](#)' page for a video tour of our future home



## [Above Hager Homestead](#)

*"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." -- Henry David Thoreau*

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