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Aresimowicz & Zoni Announce Funding For Southington Senior Center

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D – Berlin/Southington) and State Representative David Zoni (D – Southington) are pleased to announce that the State Bond Commission is expected to approve a \$5 million grant-in-aid to the town of Southington for the construction of a new senior center at their next meeting.

“I have been working with the town and the Southington Senior Citizens Commission on this initiative since 2014, and I am very excited that we are now almost at the construction phase,” said Rep. Aresimowicz. “This funding will enable the town to build a senior center that our seniors deserve. The new building will be able to cater to our ever growing elder population and will be utilized and enjoyed by our current and next generation senior citizens of Southington.”

The funds will be used to build a new 22,000 square foot Calendar House Senior Center and demolish the existing building. The new building will allow the town to centralize the administrative offices, build rooms to accommodate class sizes and make it ADA compatible, provide additional space for new activities and social services and to use the space as the town’s primary emergency shelter.

In January of 2014, Southington received a \$200,000 state grant to perform a needs and feasibility study on how to best expand the Calendar House Senior Center and subsequent planning necessary to move the project towards the construction phase including architectural design plans. The town expects to present the final design plan to the planning and zoning commission in October, go out to bid in the winter of 2016 and begin construction in March of 2017.

“This is the definition of property tax relief as it directly reduces the burden on Southington residents. We are extremely grateful to Representatives Joe Aresimowicz and Dave Zoni without whom this grant would not be possible. This will result in a wonderful Senior Center for our town to enjoy for many years to come,” said Southington Town Manager Garry Brumback.

“The \$5 million grant-in aid for construction of a new senior center is great news for not only our deserving seniors, but the funding represents tax relief for the town’s property taxpayers,” Rep. Zoni said. “The capacity of our senior center to provide needed services has certainly been challenged in recent years, but now Southington’s seniors can look forward to a world-class facility with expanded programs that will meet their needs for many years to come.”

The State Bond Commission is scheduled to meet Friday, September 30th at 10:30 a.m. in room 1E of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

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Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.