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Liberty Affordable Housing Inc. has proposed a three-story apartment building on Church Street directly behind the New York Mills Senior Center at 320 Main St., which it also owns.

Executive Director Davis G. Yohe said the new structure, which will be for people older than 55 who earn up to 60 percent of the area's median income, will feature four units adapted for mobility impairments and two for those with hearing or vision impairments. There also will be a community room, fitness center and laundry rooms on each floor.

"It will be built in a way that will carry over the character, look and design of the senior center and present a campus-type feel," Yohe said. "The senior center has had a very strong record of high occupancy and low turnover, and its long wait list showed there was a need for additional senior housing."

The \$6.4 million 3,500-square-foot New York Mills Senior Center was completed in 2007 and offers 33 units to seniors.

Yohe said the future of the project hinges on the application Liberty Affordable Housing submitted last month to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal for low-income housing tax credits.

He said he expects to hear back on the funding by April, and hopes to break ground on the Church Street apartments some time later in the year.

A timetable for construction has yet to be determined.

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