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*Union Point development in Weymouth in a photo taken by a licensed drone pilot in June of 2017. Tom McMahon photo.*

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WEYMOUTH — Construction is underway of 107 new units at Fairing Way, a Union Point development with 104 apartments for people 55 and older and a 50-bed nursing home.

Rogerson Communities and William B. Rice Eventide Home held a cornerstone laying ceremony Wednesday to mark the final phase of the project, which will add 107 units, ranging in price from \$265,000 to \$545,000 with a number of affordable units available for qualified residents. About 60 percent of the units have already sold. A second smaller clubhouse will also be built and will include a movie screening room.

The first tenants moved into Fairing Way in September of 2016.

The construction is a glimmer of good news at the otherwise stalled redevelopment of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station after the ouster of LStar, the project's master developer.

In two separate auctions held at the stalled Union Point development, firms that lent LStar millions of dollars foreclosed on dozens of undeveloped lots on the sprawling site, which includes 1,450 acres of land in Weymouth, Rockland and Abington.

Weymouth Mayor Robert Hedlund last year announced that the town would not provide additional water or wastewater service for any new projects at Union Point until town officials felt the master developer was able to carry out the project. Hedlund has made exceptions for projects already permitted, including Fairing Way.

“When we first envisioned the redevelopment of Union Point, we hoped to create a vibrant multi-generational community,” Hedlund said in a statement. “Today, we applaud the success of Rice Eventide and Rogerson Communities in redefining retirement living at Fairing Way, a luxury, amenity filled property still affordable for moderate-income older adults.”

Construction of the new Fairing Way apartments is expected to take 15 months and will wrap up by April of 2020.