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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Somers Jeffrey P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST [NYSE: SNH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

05/17/2012

C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC, TWO NEWTON PL., 255 WASH. ST., STE. 300

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

NEWTON, MA 02458

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Code V

Α

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Shares of Beneficial

Interest

05/17/2012

Amount

2,000

(D)

Α

Price

(1)

10,000

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Director Other

Somers Jeffrey P. C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC TWO NEWTON PL., 255 WASH. ST., STE. 300 NEWTON, MA 02458

X

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey P. 05/17/2012 Somers

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Transaction reported is grant of shares pursuant to the issuer's share award plan.

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