

Minutes From Senior Citizens Board Meeting
Nov. 30, 2007

The Senior Citizens Board met on Nov. 29, at 1:30P.M. at the Durham Town Hall. Members present were Shirley Bielefield, Henry Coe, John Hogarth, Howard Kelley, Lainy Melvin, Althea Parmelee and Hank Robinson. Also present were Jan Muraca and Sherri Hill. Absent from the meeting were Mary DiMella and George Zeeb.

Under old business:

The appraisal for the property that Tony Cuomo owns on Meeting House Hill Rd. and Rt. 17 came in at \$200,000 for each parcel. A motion was made by Henry Coe and seconded by Hank Robinson to ask the Board of Selectmen to purchase parcel 19 and 19-1 on the Assessors Map # 87 for a senior center for the amount not to exceed \$400,000 plus costs and subject to the fact that our facility will fit on that parcel of property. The motion was carried unanimously and much discussion followed. Parking areas, wet land boundaries and location of the building were the primary subjects.

Mr. Tom Arcari, architect, spoke to the Board and presented conceptual drawings and probable estimates of costs. The building construction estimate was \$240.00 per square foot with cost escalation included. Mr. Arcari is going to present a drawing to the Senior Board of the preliminary building design on the appraised land being considered for purchase. This would provide a visual scheme.

Sherri Hill reported that the Senior Exercise Classes were held at the Durham Fair Emergency Service Building for 2 days as the Firehouse was being used for wreath making by the Durham Garden Club.

Jan Muraca reported that elderly people who have older television sets may have to replace them by 2009 with digital models.

A motion was made to take the money from the Senior Board Budget to pay Mr. Joseph Dattilo \$800.00 for his appraisal report. Hank Robinson made the motion and it was seconded by Althea Parmelee. It passed unanimously.

The Board also decided to ask Mr. Larry Wagner, grant consultant, to come in the near future to talk to the Board about the procedures involved in securing grant monies.

The Board then adjourned at 3:00P.M.

Submitted by,
Lainy Melvin

Chairperson