

MEETING MINUTES
DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Henry Coe at 1:30 P.M. in the absence of Chairman Lainy Melvin. The meeting was on the third floor of the Durham Town Hall. Senior Board members present were John Hogarth, Mary DiMella, Henry Coe, and Henry Robinson. Howard Kelley and Lainy Melvin arrived shortly. Members absent were Althea Parmelee, Shirley Bielefield, and George Zeeb.

Also present were Tom Arcari from the firm of Quisenberry Arcari, Architects, Dr. Steve Levy of Durham's Emergency Management Board, and Jan Muraca and Sherry Hill.

Tom Arcari briefly brought up to date information regarding projected senior center needs discussed at a previous meeting, for the benefit of several members who were absent from that meeting.

Also, re proposed Senior Center, Dr. Levy discussed concerns from the Emergency Management area, such as generators, access to water, and air conditioning, fire protection and general safety issues. Also, discussion on whether the senior center could be considered a shelter or refuge. An approved shelter could house people indefinitely whereas a refuge would be of more limited duration. To have an "approved shelter", the Red Cross would have to be involved and definitely have input. Dr. Levy stated re air conditioning that many more elderly people have problems with heat as opposed to cold. Dr. Levy left the meeting.

Tom Arcari discussed with the Board the proposed needs of the senior center. His comments were on what might commonly be considered in a senior center, and members of the Board added their thoughts. His concern was that you would not duplicate in the center what would be available elsewhere in town. He now plans to put together what was discussed and bring it back to the next meeting.

Minutes of some previous meetings were not available for discussion and approval and will be considered at the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary DiMella, Secretary