

Town of Durham
DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Regular Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2006

Members Present: Lainy Melvin, Henry Coe, Shirley Bielefield, Althea Parmelee, Mary DiMella, Hank Robinson, John Hogarth,

Absent: Howard Kelly

Also Present: Jan Muraca, Sherry Hill, G. Clark, S. Fowler

The Senior Citizens Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Lainy Melvin at 1:30PM.

Approval of Minutes dated March 23, 2006

*Henry Coe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 23, 2006
Motion was seconded by Althea Parmelee.*

Motion passed with 7 ayes.

Committee Reports

a) Recreation Director

Sherry Hill reported to the committee her plans in scheduling a Senior Health Fair that would be sponsored by the seniors of Durham that would raise money that can be used towards a Senior Center. They are looking at having this take place in October at Coginchaug High School. The vendors that would be invited to help with education would range from health, nutrition, blood pressure education adding that the vendors could range is assistance with all ages. In addition to these vendors they will look into local restaurants to promote healthy foods and healthy after school snacks. Jan Muraca advised this would need to go before the Board of Selectman for approval. S. Hill agreed to look further in the costs for the event, to obtain some addition information and submit the appropriate information and report back to the Board in May.

Henry Coe made a motion to accept the idea for a Senior Health Fair. Motion was seconded by Hank Robinson.

Motion passed with 7 ayes.

b) Human Services Director

Jan Muraca reported the Coginchaug Honor Society and Music Department is sponsoring the Annual Senior Dinner on Wednesday May 3, 2006 from 6-8pm at

Coginchaug High School Cafeteria. Anyone interested in attending needs to pre register by calling Jan Muraca at the Town Hall.

The adults that participated at the Brewster read to the 2nd grade class had a great time and want to attend again next year. The teachers and students all enjoyed the event.

J. Muraca introduced Mr. Fowler, Middlefield resident to discuss the Birthday Program with the Board. Mr. Fowler explained the discussion that has taken place between the principal of the schools in regards to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade classes reaching out to the seniors in our town on their birthdays. There is a sign up sheet and the board appointed Jan Muraca to monthly contact the school and forward them the sheet listing the birthdays throughout the month. On each birthday the school classes with call out to our seniors and sing Happy Birthday.

Shirley Bielefield made a motion to include the Town of Durham as part of The Birthday Program. Motion was seconded by Hank Robinson.

*Motion **passed** with 7 ayes.*

Other Business: The Senior Board discussed options for the search for a Senior Center.

Adjournment: Lainy Melvin adjourned the Senior Citizen meeting at 2:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kamey Ahrens