

DURHAM SENIOR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lainy Melvin, at 1:30 P.M., on the third floor of the Durham Town Hall. Members present were John Hogarth, Althea Parmelee, Lainy Melvin, Shirley Bielefield, and Mary DiMella. Also present were Jan Muraca and Sherry Hill. Members absent were Henry Coe, Hank Robinson, Howard Kelly and George Zeeb.

Minutes of two previous meetings were not available at this time and will be reviewed for approval later in the meeting.

There was some discussion on the flu clinic held on November 14th on the fair grounds. The general opinion was that it was well organized and well attended. There were approximately 200 shots given.

Jan had some plans of the Estates at Durham Farms, a proposed senior development off the Madison road, the former Rod and Gun Club property. The survey showed models of the proposed houses. The selling prices apparently will be over \$400,000.00 each. There has been no contact from the developers to the Senior Board.

Jan read a letter from the State of Connecticut regarding new regulations concerning Bingo programs. Sherry feels comfortable that our program conforms to amendments.

Sherry reported that exercise programs are going well. The first class consists of about 20 people and the second class about 15.

She reported that she heard that there were some complaints from the fire department that the exercise programs were leaving cups and some trash around which she disputed but she is making an extreme effort that nothing of the kind occurs.

Lainy reported that some properties for a Senior Center had been investigated but nothing had developed.

On Saturday, November 4th, some members of the Board looked at the new DiNatale Property on the lower end of Main Street, a portion of which was offered for use for a Senior Center. Mr. DiNatale has offered the building for one year rent free but it would necessitate a five year lease, with the cost for subsequent years roughly \$35,000.00 per year. He would carpet the area and complete bathrooms. It was considered a nice gesture on his part and appreciated. There were some negative feelings concerning a deep access driveway and available parking. Mr. DiNatale was traveling so was not able to be at the meeting to answer some questions.

Also, recently there has been some discussion with regard to working with the Durham Fair for a building on the Fair Grounds which was favorably considered but details are not available at this time.

The meeting minutes of September 28th, missing from the beginning of the meeting, were available and reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Shirley Bielefield, and seconded by Althea Parmelee, and passed, with a correction noted that the proposed flu clinic was to be held November 14th from 7 A.M to 10 A.M.

Minutes of October 26th were reviewed and approved on a motion by Shirley Bielefield, with a second by Lainy Melvin, and passed.

Jan brought up the fact that the Merck shingles vaccine recently approved would not be available for veterans at the V.A. but only available on the outside at a cost of \$150.00 which she feels is terrible.

Further discussion was had on the proposed Health Fair. It will be put on the December meeting agenda. The next meeting will be on December 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary DiMella, Secretary