

MEETING MINUTES  
DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2007

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

Also present were Sherry Hill, and Jan Muraca. plus Eric M. Gruettner and Tom Arcari of the firm of Quisenberry Arcari, Architects. Barbara Coyle and Don Dickson of William Raveis came in with Tony Cuomo, a local builder.

Minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Jan reported on a successful flu clinic, with 157 people receiving the shots. Jan had a helper to assemble registration returns. She worked four hours for \$15.00 an hour for a total cost of \$60.00, which will need to be paid. A motion was made and seconded to approve payment. Motion carried.

Sherry reported that the flyers for the Senior program activities for 2007-2008 are ready to be mailed out. She will need a check for postage when she knows the exact amount.

She reported that the exercise program will not be able to use the firehouse on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as the garden club will be making up Christmas wreaths. She will look into other space to accommodate the program.

Eric and Tom presented a preliminary drawing for the outside of the proposed new building for the Durham Senior Center, with a revised floor plan and added janitorial storage area. Based on the agricultural background of the town, the drawing has a farm house concept, with a front porch.

Henry Coe mentioned having a "green" building which might help with government grants. On a question as to what constituted a "green" building, Tom reported that some of the designs might incorporate wood, fuel pumps, solar energy, etc.

The size of the building sketched is roughly 145 feet in length and around 10700 square feet. These figures are not precise. As sketched, the building would be built on a slab. There would be some attic space, as a second floor. Tom planned on a pulldown stair which occasioned comment that a built in stair would be preferable.

In the next meeting in two weeks, Tom said that they will be able to provide an estimate of cost to build, and other material costs. Tom and Eric left the meeting.

Barbara Coyle and Don Dickson, real estate agents, passed around information on two lots on the corner of New Haven Road and Meeting House Hill Road, owned by Tony Cuomo. The sizes of the lots are 3.38 and 3.61 acres respectively. Some members of the Senior Board have walked the property and there is interest in the property for a Senior Center. The lots have been perk tested and have been approved for sale as house lots. The lots would have to be appraised for value.

After considerable discussion, Henry Robinson made a motion to request authority from the Board of Selectmen to hire an appraiser to appraise the Cuomo property on Meeting House Hill Road and Route 17. Motion was seconded by Howard Kelley and motion was carried.

Further, it was decided to write to the current Board of Selectmen, with a copy to the incoming Board of Selectmen, to request a special board meeting in order to expedite the hiring of the appraiser as above mentioned.

Shirley Bielefield made a motion, seconded by Howard Kelley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary DiMella  
Secretary