

MEETING MINUTES
DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2007

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

Also present was Sherry Hill, Recreation Director, and James McLaughlin, First Selectman.

Meeting minutes from February 22nd, March 22nd, and April 26th were distributed by Lainy Melvin for approval. A motion was made by Shirley Bielefield to approve minutes, seconded by Henry Robinson, and passed on a unanimous vote.

James McLaughlin discussed briefly the property on Mountain Road which is being considered as a town highway garage, and said that it will be appraised. It is his opinion that it would be eminently suitable for that purpose.

He also feels that the old Town Garage site could be made an excellent property for a Senior Citizen center. The building is well built and could be modified for this purpose. No environmental studies have been made as yet but problems not anticipated at this time.

James McLaughlin also discussed the Senior Tax Relief Program Ordinances. A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 P.M. at the Durham Public Library, Lower Level.

There are two proposed ordinances: one, a Senior Tax Relief Program which freezes the taxes at their current level, and two, a program which defers payment of real estate taxes until the property is transferred or the claimant dies.

An information packet is available setting forth detailed information on the ordinances.

Sherry Hill, from Recreation, asked permission to send out the current Senior Activities flyer. A motion was made by Henry Robinson and seconded by George Zeeb to approve printing and sending out the flier by Sherry. Motion was passed.

Lainy Melvin reported that she had written a letter to the Durham Fair Association thanking them for their efforts in trying to help the seniors find a home even though it did not come to fruition and expressing our gratitude for their kind thought.

Lainy stated the next meeting would be on October 25th.

A motion was made to adjourn by Henry Robinson, seconded by Shirley Bielefield and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary G. DiMella
Secretary