

Town of Durham

DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Regular Meeting

DURHAM SENIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 26, 2006

Members Present: Lainy Melvin, Jan Muraca, George Zeeb, Henry Coe, John Hogarth, Shirley Bielefield

Absent: Althea Parmelee, Howard Kelly, Hank Robinson, Mary DiMella

Also Present: Jim McLaughlin, First Selectman and Gwen Clark

Lainy Melvin & Jan Muraca reported that there would be a formal overview of the Budget on March 1st.

The committee discussed what the City of Middletown has for their seniors and Durham having almost equal activities. Discussion went onto state that the board is going to continue to try and get AARP to help locally with an onsite tax location to assist with seniors completing their income tax returns.

S. Hill reported to the committee with Sue Schade's resume and advised that she is requesting a \$10/hour increase. S. Hill asked that this be considered.

Henry Coe made a motion to increase Sue Schade's salary to \$45.00/hour as of July 1st, 2006. Motion was seconded by George Zeeb.

*Motion **passed** with 5 ayes.*

Jan Muraca asked that the committee hold off on the budget until the next meeting. She is looking into additional information on foot care and Art lessons.

Henry Coe made a motion to hold off on the discussion of the budget until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Shirley Bielefield.

*Motion **passed** with 5 ayes.*

Jan Muraca reported to the committee that she is going to be attending a meeting on February 3rd coordination meeting for the state matching grant program for elderly and disabled demand response transportation. This is to further discuss for a municipal grant program. Jan will report the details and response to the committee at the February meeting.

Sherry Hill reported that the equipment that is being stored at the firehouse is not going to be permitted any longer. Seniors are going to have to cart the equipment daily and this

is a problem for them. There has been discussion of this with Jim McLaughlin, First Selectman, and he has suggested the placement of the shed on the property. S. Hill will

further investigate prices. J. McLaughlin is going to look into if this would be something that would be permitted.

The committee discussed the various properties in town that could be suitable for a Senior Citizen Center. Jan Muraca stated that there may be some land coming up for sale that they will keep an eye on. Henry Coe stated that a site committee should be formed to become more active if seeking out a location. The committee agreed to continue to search for a location for a Center.

Distribution of the Durham Senior Center from December 18, 2005 was passed out to the board members for their review.

Jan Muraca suggested a new charge be written for a new Site Selection Committee for a Senior Center.

Lainy Melvin discussed with the committee an ordinance of a ruling that if a member of a board or committee is not in attendance for 4 meetings they can be terminated from the seating position. L. Melvin discussed how important it is for members to attend and if they are not able to attend the position needs to be filled by someone who is going to be able to commit.

Lainy Melvin advised the next Senior Citizen meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2006.

*Lainy Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by George Zeeb.
Motion **passed** with 5 ayes.*

Respectfully Submitted

Kamey Ahrens

