

**DURHAM SENIOR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2005**

Present: L. Melvin, J. Hogarth, M. DiMella, A. Parmelee, and S. Bielefield.

Also present: J. Muraca, S. Hill, G. Clark and E. Murphy.

Not present: G. Zeeb, H. Coe, H. Kelley and H. Robinson.

L. Melvin, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes from the May 26, 2005 meeting were approved by J. Hogarth and seconded by S. Bielefield. All in favor to accept.

L. Melvin asked J. Muraca to present any new business. J. Muraca stated there will be a Medicare Part D meeting on November 14, 2005 at 10:30 am at the Durham Library to share information with the seniors. If they (the seniors) would attend all three meetings, this information would be clearer.

Only one senior attended the hearing loss testing program. Flu shots will be giving out on November 3, 2005, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Medical Building at the Fair Grounds. To register, call Ellen Mauro at 349-8253. This is different than other years and it will be advertised in the newspaper.

J. Muraca said that the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs would be different this year. She is requesting donations be of food and gift cards rather than heavy cans and goods. This also should work out well for the recipients as they can pick out exactly what they need. The Thanksgiving program will be held on November 21, 2005, at Notre Dame Church. The Christmas date will be announced.

Lois Leston can no longer give watercolor paint classes. J. Hogarth mentioned S. Guiliano from Wallingford may be interested and suggested J. Muraca call her.

J. Muraca left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

L. Melvin then asked S. Hill to speak. S. Hill has been working on a Durham Senior Project brochure. She asked to have the brochure proofread before going to print. All agreed that the brochure was great and full of information.

S. Hill stated that the firehouse has not completed the repairs and the exercise classes are still being moved about. S. Hill does not want to disrupt the classes as they are going strong.

A. Parmelee asked did anyone know that Ameri-gas gives a 5% discount to seniors on their bill?

G. Clark said that there should be a correction to page 2 on the May 26, 2005 minutes. It stated that G. Clark was given the license to show movies at the library. The correction should read that the library was given the license.

L. Melvin read a letter from Ralph Durante dated October 25, 2005. (See attached). All feel that the Rod and Gun Club property is a dead-end and they should pursue other places for the senior center. Much discussion ensued.

A. Parmelee asked if there was anything being done in Durham to help seniors with their tax bills since no senior housing is being built. M. DiMella thought in order to qualify for the tax abatement program, the income limit is \$40,500.00 per year and 10 years as a resident.

L. Melvin stated that she had received a resignation from E. Murphy as Recording Secretary.

No new business was brought before the Board.

Motion to adjourn S. Bielefield and seconded by J. Hogarth. All were in favor.

L. Melvin adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Murphy
Recording Secretary

