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SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Thursday, April 29, 2010

1:30 PM, Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Chairman Lainy Melvin at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Roll Call: Members present:, Henry Coe, Norm Hicks, John Hogarth, Stu Keating, Lainy Melvin, Beverly Pedersen, Shari Slight and Karin Thody. Staff present: Trish Dynia and Jan Muraca. Members absent: Anne Cassady. Others Present: First Selectman Laura Francis and Durham Resident Roger Kleeman.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Henry Coe, seconded by Stu Keating, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Add as Item c under Old Business, Activity Center Update. The motion passed unanimously.*

Report from the First Selectman: Laura Francis encouraged all to attend the annual budget meeting on May 10th. She asked that members keep their eyes and ears open for businesses or residents who may be moving and can donate furniture for the community center if it is approved. In answer to a question from Henry Coe, Laura stated that there would be two committees involved in running the center (Recreation and Seniors) so there should be no need to create a new committee to oversee it.

Human Services Director

- A cake has been donated by Kim's Cottage Confections for the Spring Fling.
- Jan is in the process of collecting prizes for the event.
- The tax relief program ends on May 15th and the Renters Rebate Program will run from May 17th through September 15th.
- On May 18th the CRHS National Honor Society will present 'Ask Me Three', from 3 to 4 PM in the Community Room at Mauro Meadows. The program is designed to help seniors understand the importance of going to a doctor and asking the right questions.

Recreation Director: Sherry Hill was unable to attend. Lainy reported the following:

- All programs are running fine.

- Those who wish to help with set up for the Spring Fling should come to the firehouse at 11:30 AM on Friday, May 7th.
- Lino's Market, Perk on Main and Kim's Cottage Confections are providing all of the food for the Spring Fling.

Old Business, Spring Fling: Please see above report.

Old Business, Fall Computer Classes: Jan Muraca read into the record a portion of Anne Cassady's memorandum as follows:

“RSD 13 Technology Integration Specialist Michelle Burke is willing to take on the Senior Computer Classes again for Fall 2010. She and I discussed the course offerings and Michelle's experience with the course last year, and both of us recommend extending each session by one more week to allow Senior students more time for questions, relevant topics and practice. Michelle is willing to teach the course again but only one day a week. So, regrettably, that does not allow for an added second meeting time each week. So unless the number of weekly meetings was an issue for the Seniors last year, I suggest the Board consider accepting Michelle's course schedule as is.”

A motion was made by Norm Hicks, seconded Shari Slight, to accept the proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business, Community Center: Roger Kleeman asked what type of activities might be conducted at the new Community Center if it is approved. Various members replied that the location would become a focal point for senior and general recreation activities which are now spread throughout various locations in town. In addition, there are community members who have expressed interest in various additional programs which could also be held at the Community Center.

New Business, Senior Art Showcase: Lainy reported that the Senior Arts Showcase was an outstanding program. It was held at Cuginchaug High School on Monday, April 26, and featured visual arts from Cuginchaug's seniors (Class of 2010) as well as local seniors (young at heart). The showcase and reception was followed by musical performances from members of the Class of 2010.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Shari Slight, seconded by Karin Thody, to approve the March 25, 2010 minutes with the following change: Page One, New Business, Spring Fling, change Sherri to Sherry. The motion passed unanimously with Norm Hicks abstaining.*

Miscellaneous: Bev Pedersen submitted information to Lainy regarding a treasure hunt for her to review and place on the next agenda.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Karin Thody, seconded by Stu Keating, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia, Recording Secretary

cc: Town Clerk, Recreation Director, Human Services Director, Board Members