

SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Thursday, September 17, 2009

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

Roll Call: Members present: Henry Coe, Stuart Keating, Lainy Melvin and Beverly Pedersen. Staff present: Trish Dynia, Sherry Hill and Jan Muraca. Members absent: Becky Anderson, Anne Cassady, Howard Kelley, John Hogarth and Hank Robinson.

Note: There was no quorum but the following discussions took place:

Lainy Melvin welcomed new member Bev Pedersen to the board.

Jan Muraca reported that the annual flu clinic has been scheduled for October 16th. It will take place at the Emergency Operations Center on the Durham Fair Grounds from 9:00 AM to Noon and from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. All Durham citizens are eligible and there is no pre-registration requirement. Participants will fill out forms at the clinic. Nurses from Middlesex Hospital Home Care will administer the vaccines and there will be an announcement in the Town Times the first week of October.

Jan also reported that art classes will begin on October 2nd. The series of ten classes will take place at the Durham Public Library and participants will bring their own supplies. The cost to Durham residents is \$50, with non-residents paying \$75. The art classes will be noticed in the Town Times and at the three churches in town.

Jan has received a communication from AARP asking for volunteers to help seniors with tax preparation. AARP will provide training for advisors and coordinators.

Jan announced that she had received permission from the Durham Fair Association to use the Emergency Operations Center for a Senior Foot Clinic. Several issues still need to be worked out, including who will conduct the program, who will clean up before and after the clinic and who on the Fair Association will be assigned to open and close the building.

Members briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing a WI machine and flat screen television for seniors. Stu Keating volunteered to look into costs and bring this information back to the Board.

Sherry Hill reported that the senior exercise classes are full, due to the recent retirement of several local residents.

Jan distributed information on the SAVE program (Seniors Add Valuable Experience). Trish was asked to mail the information to absent members and this information will be discussed at the next regular meeting when there will hopefully be a quorum.

Sherry noted that bingo participants were asking to meet twice per month rather than monthly. Lainy determined that the money was in the budget and said Sherry should proceed with plans to meet twice per month.

Board members briefly brainstormed on new ideas for Senior Classes.

The discussion was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia
Recording Secretary

cc: Town Clerk, Recreation Director, Human Services Director, Committee Members.