

DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Thursday, December 17, 2009

1:30 P.M., Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Call to Order: Chairman Lainy Melvin called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members present: Lainy Melvin, Beverly Pedersen, Karin Thody, Anne Cassady, and Norm Hicks.

Staff present: Jan Muraca, Sherry Hill, Laura Francis.

Members absent: Henry Coe, Stu Keating, Howard Kelley, John Hogarth,

Approval of Agenda: *Norm Hicks made a motion to accept the agenda as written, which was seconded by Beverly Pedersen. So moved.*

Minutes: *Norm Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes of November's meeting as presented, which was seconded by Beverly Pedersen. So moved.*

Recreation Director: Sherry Hill stated that all programs are going well. All classes and bingo are going well. On Friday, December 18th there is a senior program at the firehouse at 10:00.

Old Business:

1. Aleta Gudelski will be doing another new class on pastels. She will charge us \$700 for it. She will try to get most of it, though, from the students. There will be ten sessions on Thursdays from 10-12 at the Town Hall 3rd floor meeting room.

2. Wii purchase- there is no update as Henry and Stu were absent.

New Business:

1. Selectwoman Laura Francis was present to speak about the Senior Center/Community Feasibility Committee. They had decided not to

form the new committee because at present there is no site and nothing would seem to be happening with it in the near future. They are, though, thinking about renting a space and build up the programs that are held, thereby it would show more support for a center. We are not eligible for money for it this year. Laura Francis recommended to Sherry Hill to look into Lake Grove School site. The Board of Selectmen is still in support of a building, but it would be difficult to get money for a large expenditure at this time. Lainy Melvin looked into 2 units (205 & 206) at Durham Village. They don't seem to be large enough especially for the exercise classes. Jan Muraca asked about the space in Carolyn Adams that the town hall used to use. Jan is willing to talk to Carolyn Adams. Laura Francis suggested that as a part of a deal, the town could plow the driveway.

2. Laura Francis asked about partnering with Middlefield Senior Group. This could be another regional effort between Durham and Middlefield.

3. Anne Cassady will contact District 13 Superintendent Viccaro about using the computer lab for senior classes for the new year.

Human Services Director: Jan Muraca

1. Jan reported that she has contacted Dr. Boucher from Midstate Medical Center about doing a foot clinic. She is still waiting to hear back.

2. There will be a seasonal flu clinic on 12/28 at the EOC (Durham Fair Medical Building) for age 18 and over from 2-6 P.M.

3. The next H1N1 flu clinic will be held at St. Francis in Middletown on 12/30 from noon to 6 P.M.

4. The Giving Tree distribution is tomorrow. Many people and businesses in Durham have donated many gifts, money and gift cards. Twenty-five families will be receiving.

Adjournment: Anne Cassady made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 P.M., seconded by Beverly Pedersen. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Thody
Substitute Secretary