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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
NOVEMBER 19, 2025
1:15 PM
DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:12 PM.

Roll Call: In attendance: Chairperson Lainy Melvin, Vice Chairperson Norm Hicks, Diane Coe, Simone Howe, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Bev Pedersen, Social Services Director Morgan Perry, Rosemarie Bartholomew, Secretary.
Absent: Jim Martinelli, Brian Medeiros

Public Comment: Sherry Hill commented how much she loves and appreciates all the activities provided at the Senior Center.

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Doug Marden. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approve minutes of 10/22/2025: Motion to approve the 10/22/25 minutes as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Colleen Sturkin. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services: Thanksgiving handouts are tomorrow, Thursday, 11/20. The Community Giving Tree will be up soon in the lobby of the Community Center. The Safe Driving course was rescheduled to December 16 from 9-1. Two "lunch and learns" are coming up - the December 8 topic is cancer screenings and in January the topic will be Long Term Care with the State ombudsman.

Recreation:

Brian is in the hospital. Best wishes from the Senior Board for a speedy recovery.

Food Services: Bev Pedersen would like to purchase additional plastic pitchers. They come four to a case at 4-6 dollars each. Bev made a motion to purchase a minimum of 4 but no more than 8 plastic pitchers at a cost not to exceed \$100. Second by Diane Coe. Six in favor, Simone Howe opposed due to plastic materials. **Motion passed.**

Finance Report:

Carol emailed members the finance report. Not included was the \$450 cost of the Veterans luncheon.

- Bills to be approved for Veterans Luncheon expenses:
 - Lainy Melvin - \$329.52 for pizzas, cake, and flowers
 - Bev Pedersen - \$65.74 for salads

Simone Howe moved to approve the above expenditures, Diane Coe seconded, all in favor. **Motion passed.**

- There is a new format for filing the budget with the Town - everything must be done on line. We will need to create an account in order to do so. The budget is due 12/19, right after our 12/17 meeting. Carol Kleeman stated that she will need to file the budget by 12/12 due to her being away for the due date. Carol suggested that we ask for a percentage increase over last year due to price increases, especially for food. There are no new line items and nothing major pending.

Norm Hicks made a motion to request a 7% increase over last year's budget request, Doug Marden made the second. The vote was 6 for and 2 against.

Motion passed.

Bridge:

- Jim Martinelli was absent - no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Veterans' Luncheon was very successful. Everyone was so happy. Attendance was approximately 65 people.
- The new dishwasher is up and running and working well. It was used for the first time today at lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

- We have been offered a Baby Grand Piano donation from Middletown Episcopal Church. The piano is on its side on a dolly ready to be moved. Morgan stated that we will need to file a Disposal Form with the Town for permission to dispose of the old piano. Motion to accept the donation was made by Norm Hicks, second by Simone Howe. All in favor, **motion passed.**
- The Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon is December 5. Morgan will make an advertising flier. Bev Pedersen made a motion to purchase four \$25 gift certificates from Durham Market for door prizes. Diane Coe seconded. All in favor, **motion passed.**

- Meeting dates for 2026 are: 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, no meeting July or August, 9/16, 10/28, 11/18, 12/16. Norm Hicks moved to accept the proposed 2026 calendar. Carol Kleeman seconded. All in favor, **motion passed**.
- The Board terms for Simone Howe, Norm Hicks, and Lainy Melvin expire 12/31/25. All three are willing to continue to serve though the town has not yet approached anyone.
- January & February programs: In January Dr. Michael Good will give a talk on Birds in your Backyard. The suggested date is Friday, January 16. If Dr. Good can't make it, the alternate date will be January 9. The Valentine's Day program will be a breakfast on Friday, February 13 at 11:00AM. The menu is pancakes, sausage, fruit and juices. There is a possibility that Bev Pedersen will be away for this event.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Norm Hicks and seconded by Doug Marden. All in favor. **Motion passed**. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary