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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

DECEMBER 17, 2025

1:15 PM

DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:20 PM.

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

Public Comment: None

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Bev Pedersen and seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approve minutes of 11/19/2025: Motion to approve the 11/19/25 minutes as presented was made by Simone Howe and seconded by Bev Pedersen. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- Twenty six families will be receiving holiday gifts from the Giving Tree. Thank you to Doug & Betty Marden for all the baked goods they made that will accompany those gifts.
- The next Lunch & Learn program will be on Nursing Homes and Long Term Care on January 7 at noon.
- The last Prepare & Empower session is All About Downsizing.
- February 5 is the TUMMS dinner. The menu will be chili.

Recreation:

- Arthritis class has excellent attendance with over 30 people.
- Mobility class has steady and strong attendance.
- Tai Chi is bringing in people that don't necessarily participate in other programs.
- Zumba and Line Dancing will be on a temporary pause.
- We are still looking for a cardio drumming instructor.
- We are always looking for new ideas for classes.

- The last Winter Market of 2025 will be from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, 12/20 at the Community Center. There are more vendors scheduled than usual for this one. The first 2026 market will be January 17.
- Indoor walking is available to individuals at any time the building is open, Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30.

Food Services:

- Bev Pedersen stated that she would like to purchase four 18x26 sheet pans. Simone did some quick online research and made a motion that we purchase four 18x26, heavy duty, full size, aluminum sheet pans preferably US made from Nordic Ware if available. Doug Marden seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Water pitchers were received and were immediately put into use.
- Lainy Melvin and Bev Pedersen would like to give “thank you” gift certificates to five regular kitchen volunteers. Jim Martinelli moved that we purchase five \$25 Durham Market gift certificates for those regular kitchen volunteers. Simone Howe seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed**

Finance Report:

- The remaining balance in the budget is \$6,371.32 until the end of June 2026.
- Lainy Melvin presented her bill for \$110.99 for misc supplies and gift certificates. Motion was made by Jim Martinelli to pay the \$110.99 bill, seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor, **motion passed.**

Bridge:

- The bridge group is going very well and has another new member.
- No bridge on 12/26, but they will play on 1/2/26.
- Jim is privately teaching 3 more people who will come on once they learn to play.

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget - All done and submitted with a 7% increase for program supplies and expenses.
- Piano - Morgan submitted a request to the Board of Selectmen for disposition of the old piano. No response from them as of yet.
- Term expirations - Lainy, Norm, and Simone’s terms are expiring at the end of the year. Simone received her re-appointment letter in the mail today.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reverse January and February programs due to Dr. Good’s conflict in January. A pancake breakfast will be held on January 16 at 11AM. In February we will schedule with Dr. Michael Good for his talk on Birds in your Backyard.

ADDENDUM: after the meeting, Dr. Good confirmed his talk for January 16.

- The Bicentennial Quilt is currently in the town vault. The case that was built by Wilbur Eick to hold it is in the Farm Museum. It has been suggested to have the quilt and case moved to the Community Center. Discussion ensued regarding who has the authority to request and approve its move. Brian Medeiros will bring it up at the next America 250 Committee meeting.
- Lainy Melvin received a note from Dr. Leggett, Superintendent of District 13 Schools, acknowledging Lainy's thank you note for the District's musical involvement in the Veterans Day program. Dr. Leggett stated that she looks forward to continuing the District's participation with the Senior Center.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Bev Pedersen and seconded by Doug Marden. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary