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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

JANUARY 28, 2026

1:15 PM

DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:15 PM.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Approve minutes of 12/17/2025: Motion to approve the 12/17/25 minutes as presented was made by Norm Hicks and seconded by Diane Coe. Carol Kleeman abstained from the vote due to her absence from the December meeting. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- An additional vaccine clinic was added for 2/19 from 11-4. We are the best attended clinic in the area.
- The senior tax freeze program starts 2/1/26 through 5/15/26. The program requires re-application every year.
- Quilting, Coffee, & Connections is an event sponsored by DMYFS under their "Expressions of Healing" program. It will be held at the Middlefield Community Center on 2/18 from 1-3. Participants will make a quilt square.
- Pancake breakfast - Allan Dean requested a Krusteaz 10 lb pancake mix and a dozen eggs.

Recreation:

- There are three more winter farmers markets. They will be held on 2/7, 2/21, and 3/7 at the Community Center from 10-1. There have been good turnouts.
- Zumba class returns on Thursday, 2/5 at 11AM.

- Mon, Tu, Fri will see the addition of indoor pickleball to be scheduled around the current gym schedule. Information is available at Rec Desk.
- Tai Chi, Functional Fitness, and Arthritis classes are all going strong.
- No suitable Cardio Drumming instructor has been found yet.

Food Services:

- Kitchen supplies have come in. Sheet pans approved last month were received.
- A town wide family picnic is being planned by the America 250 Committee for June 6 at the Community Center. How can we participate? Norm and Brian are on the Committee.

Finance Report:

- Approval of bills
 - Motion to approve two payments in the amount of \$90 (November) and \$83.40 (December) to Board Secretary was made by Carol Kleeman, seconded by Bev Pedersen. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
 - Motion to approve reimbursements of \$49.62 to Bev Pedersen and \$116.43 to Lainy Melvin for January program was made by Bev Pederson and seconded by Lainy Melvin. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
 - No invoice has been received yet from Durham Market for the January soup. Carol expressed concern that invoices are not provided upon pickup of the food. Lainy will ask the Durham Market to provide an invoice at the time of pick up of the food as that would facilitate prompt recording and payment of expenses. Finance reports sent by email in advance of the meeting.

Bridge:

- Everything is going smoothly and routinely. Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The piano donation is in the works. We are waiting for the approved disposal form for the old piano from the Selectboard before the new piano can be delivered. Lainy will provide the Selectmen with a summary of the donation from Trinity Church.
- The January Program, Birds in our Backyard, went great. There were a lot of new people in attendance. The program was of high interest and was enjoyable.
- Bicentennial Quilt - Carolyn is working with Brendan to iron out the details of displaying the Bicentennial Quilt in the Community Center. A place for it to hang has not yet been determined.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Valentines Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, February 13 at 11:00 AM. Norm suggested a candy jar guessing contest, Lainy suggested candy for door prizes, and Carol suggested having a sugar free candy option. Norm will take charge of buying the candy.
- St. Patrick's Day Irish lunch and music program will be held on March 13. It is co-sponsored with the Julia C. Bryant Fund. Lainy will get their check in advance to pay Paul Pender on the day. Corned beef sandwiches and the rest of the menu to be finalized next month.
- The April program will present information on Senior community resources. We will brainstorm on potential participants. This idea arose because Lainy has been asked about volunteer drivers for Senior medical appointments and errands. Morgan indicated that those requests should go through UR Community Cares. They coordinate rides and screen drivers. We could recruit drivers but send them to UR Community Cares for processing and scheduling.
- Diane brought up charging exercise class participants from outside of Durham and Middlefield since our free classes attract people who would have to pay for the same class in their own town. As our programs grow in popularity, the concern is that a local taxpayer might not be able to register for a class because spots are being taken by non-taxpayers. Can we look at registration statistics (Brian) and identify the number of non Durham/Middlefield participants? Discussion ensued. Lainy will check with the Finance Dept. to see how we can manage the process if we decide to move ahead.
- Norm passed out America 250 stickers to everyone.
- Carol's grandfather crocheted a bicentennial seal that she would be willing to lend out to the Town for display during the 250 festivities.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Carol Kleeman. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary