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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

April 22, 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, Diane Coe, Norm Hicks, Simone Howe, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Jim Martinelli, Coleen Sturkin, Social Services Director Morgan Perry, Recreation Director Brian Medeiros, Rosemarie Bartholomew, Secretary.

Absent: Bev Pedersen

Public Comment: .None

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

Approve minutes of 3/25/2026: Motion to approve the 3/25/26 minutes as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Lainy Melvin. Carol Kleeman abstained from the vote due to her absence from the meeting. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- Tax freeze applications are being taken through 5/15.
- Renters rebate applications are being accepted through 9/30.
- The next TUMM! dinner is 5/7. There is a need for older volunteers to cook with the youth for future meals.
- This Friday 4/24 is the DMYFS Expressions of Healing Showcase at the Durham Community Center from 5:00-8:00PM.
- Drug Take Back is Saturday April 25 from 10-2 at both the Durham and Middlefield Community Centers.
- Morgan shared her ADA wheelchair table research and recommends the 72" long table that seats two wheelchairs comfortably. These tables are height adjustable and meet ADA recommendations. Carol questioned whether it is possible to purchase them locally to avoid the hefty freight charges. After some discussion it was agreed that Simone will visit Staples and call Hancock

Pharmacy to see if they carry them. Amazon was also mentioned, but Morgan reported being unsuccessful at finding them there. The purchase decision is being tabled until we have the information on potential local suppliers with free shipping.

Recreation:

- There will be a decrease in the summer exercise program due to summer camp.
- Tai Chi would like to continue to offer both Monday and Friday sessions. Because of the camp situation, Tai Chi classes would have to be held in a classroom or outside and would therefore accommodate less people (15 max). Lainy suggested using the Senior library space. The consensus was to do whatever is necessary to keep the class twice a week.
- Diane reported on purchasing a mirror for exercise classes & line dancing. It would come from Amazon with free delivery. They are shatterproof for safety. There are three size options:
 - 79" tall x 87" wide on wheels, foldable to 43" wide = \$480
 - 79" tall x 79" wide = \$430
 - 71"x79" = \$360

We are looking to purchase just one mirror. Carol posed the question why we are paying for facility improvements. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Diane Coe to spend up to \$500 for the 79x87 foldable shatterproof mirror to be used for exercise classes in the gym. Jim Martinelli was the second. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Food Services:

- No report, Bev was absent.

Finance Report:

- No report
- Approval of bills
 - \$83.33 to Rose Bartholomew for secretarial services
 - \$369.89 to Lainy Melvin for April luncheon expenses
 - \$97.94 to Lainy Melvin for March luncheon expenses
 - \$36.21 to Brian Medeiros for cheese
 - \$64.95 to Doug Marden for a cookie tray
 - \$437.49 to Krausers for the March luncheon

Carol moved that the Board approve the above expenditures. Doug Marden was the second. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Bridge:

No report, Jim has been away.

OLD BUSINESS

- Baby Grand Piano update: we need professional movers to move the piano as the town cannot do it. Brendan Rea is investigating the cost of movers. Lainy proposed that this be a joint expenditure between the Senior Board and the Department of Public Works.
- The April luncheon went well.
- Readers Theatre has 25 people signed up already. The hope is to have 50 people in attendance. The event is Thursday, May 14 at 7PM at the Durham Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lainy presented her idea for the May 15 luncheon “A Look Back in Time” in keeping with the America 250 Theme. She has contacted the following older lifelong residents of Durham to tell their stories: Katharine Newton Chase, Harriet DuVal, Helen Pearce, Emy Newton, and Fran Korn. It would be a roundtable discussion that would be recorded for posterity. Food for the luncheon is proposed to be an assortment of petite sandwiches. Lainy will talk to Katie at Perk on Main about the idea.
- Book Talk opportunity: Al Ruggiero, whose deceased wife Carol wrote Pearls from Carol about her life experiences, would like to give a talk about her book. Scheduling could not occur until the fall. Lainy will bring more info to the May meeting
- Budget Hearing - Carol will field any questions on our budget proposal at the Town Meeting. Our request has been cut by \$2,000.
- June America 250 Picnic: there will be an open house art show with reception. The committee is looking for Sr. Board participation.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 2:08 by Norm Hicks and seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

The next Senior Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary