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## Commission on Social Services Minutes February 10, 2011

**Attending:** Nate Shipp, Peg Koellmer, Susan Chalons-Browne, Cathy Pierce, Roseann De Simone, Edward Raposa, Judy Zucker, Beth Mason

The meeting was held at Trackside and was called to order by Sue Chalons-Browne at 5:35 pm. The meeting of January 6, 2011 having been cancelled due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2010 were approved.

### **New Business - Departmental Update**

Cathy reported on the great success of a new program initiated by the Village Market to make pre-packed bags of needed Food Pantry items available for shoppers to purchase and donate “on the spot.” Over 300 bags of groceries have been donated in the first 2 weeks of the program. The Wilton Woman’s Club, which recently awarded a \$6,000 grant to the Department, has formed a committee of volunteers to pick up the donated bags at the Village Market and deliver them to the Food Pantry 4 days a week.

Sharon Powers, the Department’s administrative assistant, will be on medical leave for the next month. Cathy hopes to be able to hire temporary help to fill in until Sharon’s return.

The Town is in the process of conducting an audit of all departmental services, and the Social Services staff are creating a new spreadsheet reporting system which will more accurately identify the many services provided by the Department.

### **Old Business - Senior Center Renovation**

Peg Koellmer reported that painting, carpeting and countertop installation are all completed or near completion. The high school PTSA will organize a student-and-senior-run event to raise funds for new bookshelves for the Senior Center library. A Grand Opening will take place sometime near the end of March and will include a Giving Tree of additional items needed to furnish the Center.

### **Old Business – Liaison Reports**

The **Domestic Violence Task Force** has not met for over 2 months. Beth Mason will contact Janienne Hackett to see where things stand.

**Trackside:** Peg reported that the building use continues to increase to the point where parking has become an occasional issue. The Trackside budget presentation was well-received by the Board of Selectmen. A Trackside garden is to be planted and maintained by the Girl Scouts. A Spring Fling, a Golf Outing, Live Jazz, and a Rib Cook-Off are among the events and fundraisers planned for the Spring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason  
Co-Secretary

**Next meeting at Comstock Senior Center  
March 10, 2011 5:30-7:00 pm**

