

**Commission on Social Services
Minutes September 8, 2011
Wilton Senior Center**

Attending: Peg Koellmer, Betty-Jo Corridon, Roseann De Simone, Nate Shipp, Judy Zucker and Catherin Pierce

The meeting was called to order by Peg Koellmer at 5:30 pm. Minutes of the June meeting were unavailable and will be reviewed and approved at the October meeting.

New Business: Peg Koellmer reviewed the results of the Commission Evaluation that was done over the summer. By far the greatest concern appeared to be the on-boarding of new commissioners and the understanding of current commissioners of their duties and responsibilities. A committee was formed to address these issues. The committee members are Peg Koellmer, Nate Shipp and Judy Zucker. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011, at noon at Realty Seven.

An update on the Wilton Interfaith Council was given by Catherine Pierce. They are in the process of seating their new Board of Directors. The by-laws and financial practices have been reviewed and approved. The new board will be as follows:

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| President: | Stephen Pettit |
| Vice-President | Lisa Gioffre-Baird, Attorney |
| Secretary | Margaret Creeth |
| Treasurer | Peter Politi, CPA |
| Asst. Treasurer | Winifred Chesley |
| Ex-officio | Catherine Pierce |

Catherine Pierce will act as liaison to the Commission.

Planning for the upcoming year was done. The following speakers were discussed and approved: a specialist in the local economy; Marianne Wilson to give an historic perspective on the Interfaith Council; and George Ciaccio to address the historic perspective of the Commission.

In the wake of Hurricane Irene, it seems especially important to update a list of Wilton residents who might need to be contacted during an emergency. During the aftermath, Catherine Pierce and Lauren Hughes used the existing list to contact as many residents as possible. This list needs constant updating. Roseann De Simone, Peg Koellmer and Catherine Pierce will work on methods to maintain the list.

Nate Shipp has offered to be the liaison to the commission on Wilton Commons. Concern was expressed regarding the “affordability” aspect of the Commons. Nate will look into it further and report back to the Commission.

There was a discussion on how the Commission can improve its ambassadorship role in the community. Catherine Pierce and Peg Koellmer will try to provide an “elevator” speech to the Commission at each meeting, briefly outlining our most pressing needs for the upcoming month.

Senior Community Day is on September 18th at The Greens from 1-3:30 pm. There are approximately 30 vendors coming, live music, an antiques appraiser, and refreshments. All net proceeds go to the Senior Center.

Old Business: Peg Koellmer and Nate Shipp gave the liaison report for Trackside. Attendance by teens and general facility usage are both up. There is a Kiwanis Golf Outing scheduled for October 3rd which is being run in partnership with Trackside, and the proceeds will be shared. Trackside has presented a flat budget to the Board of Selectmen for the last 2 years and has committed to another flat budget request again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday October 13, 2011
5:30 pm