

Commission on Social Services
Minutes October 13, 2011

Attending: Peg Koellmer, Cathy Pierce, Roseann DeSimone, Judy Mabley, Nate Shipp, Judy Zucker, Betty Jo Corridon

The meeting was held at Comstock Community Center and was called to order by Peg Koellmer at 5:35 pm. The minutes of the September 8, 2011, June 9, 2011, and May 12, 2011 meetings were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

On boarding of new commission members: It was suggested that we have a mentorship program for new commissioners. Peg will put together a book of important documents and will assign a commission member to oversee the on boarding of new members.

Liaisons: We will be expanding on our liaison positions. Suggestions were; Trackside, Domestic Violence task force, Wilton Interfaith Council, Youth council, Underage drinking task force\Public school health and guidance, Food Pantry, Wilton Commons, Senior Center advisory council, Stay at home Wilton, and a Local housing report.

We are also encouraged to attempt to attend town meetings including budget hearings and will be advised of meeting times by Email or phone.

Cathy Pierce led the Committee on a "Field Trip" through the Social Services wing of Comstock Community Center. We visited each room and were given an explanation of its usage. Staff includes: Sharon Powers, Administrative Assistant, Colleen Fawcett, Youth Services, Lauren Hughes, LSCW, Liz Doty, Senior Activities Coordinator, and Cathy Pierce, Director.

Connecticut Energy Assistance funding has decreased by 2/3 this year. Approximately \$17,000 is provided by this state program. Severe electricity, gas and oil shortages are being anticipated for this winter season.

To solicit addition funding form the community, The Wilton Bulletin recently enclosed a card and envelope in each newspaper and SERVCO plans on sending out a similar request to their clients.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 amid smiles and many very positive comments about our "new" CCC!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mabley, Co-Secretary

Next Meeting
Thursday, November 10 5:30 PM

