

Commission on Social Services
Minutes December 8, 2011

Attending: Sharon Bradley (Guest - Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County), Mark Ketley and Tara Ermark (Guests – Trackside), Judy Zucker, Ed Raposa, Liz Doty, Cathy Pierce, Roseann DeSimone, Peg Koellmer, Betty-Jo Corridon, Judy Mabley, Beth Mason

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm., following a celebration and appreciation of retiring Commissioner Ed Raposa's decade of energetic, devoted service to Wilton Social Services.

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting were approved.

New Business: FY 2013 Budget Proposals

Peg Koellmer presented members with printed bound copies of the FY 2012-2013 budget proposals from Trackside, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County, Wilton Senior Center, and Wilton Social Services. See these for details of the presentations below:

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County, Inc. – Sharon Bradley

Proposal for 0.8% increase. Sharon presented a thorough overview of VNH.

Cathy Pierce reminded Commissioners of the need for future backup nursing care at the emergency shelter.

Trackside – Mark Ketley, Director, and Tara Ermark (member of Bd. Of Directors)

Flat budget request for the 3rd consecutive year. Mark described the huge surge in free community usage of the Trackside building and the guidelines for various rental events.

Wilton Senior Center – Cathy Pierce presented for Liz Doty.

The only increase requested (2.46%) is tied to greatly increased use of the Senior Center since the completion of the renovation.

Social Services Department – Cathy Pierce

Proposed 1% increase. Most lines remain flat, increases occurring mainly in Food Pantry usage and fuel assistance applications.

The VNHA, Senior Center, and Social Services budget presentations to the Board of Selectmen are scheduled for Thursday January 12, 2012, beginning at 7:30 pm. The January meeting of the Commission was re-scheduled for January 19 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason
Co-Secretary

