

**Commission on Social Services**  
**Minutes Jan 19, 2012**

**Attending:** Cathy Pierce, Roseann De Simone, Judy Mabley, Nate Shipp, Judy Zucker, Betty Jo Corridon, Beth Mason

The meeting was held at Comstock Community Center and was called to order at 4:30 pm. The minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**New Business:**

**Fuel Assistance:** There have been over 60 applicants for fuel assistance requested by Wilton residents in need. As a result of the cut backs in the federal heating assistance program, Wilton will have over \$35,000 less than last year. Wilton Bank and other organizations are providing stations for donation cans. The Wilton Bulletin, Women's Club and other organizations will be or have been contacted. There's a new logo and a need for signs throughout the Town. Various community organizations will be contacted for financial and community support. We will contact the PTA and use email blasts for this support. The campaign will be launched January 23 and will continue until the end of March. Fundraisers will include a bake sale and letters of appeal.

**Budgets:** The budgets (previously distributed), including Trackside and The Community Center, were discussed.

**Liaison:**

**Substance Abuse Task Force:** Roseann De Simone is the liaison to the Substance Abuse Task Force. The committee distributed a survey to Wilton High School students and parents. The February meeting will center around the results of those surveys and preparation on how to present the compiled information to the public at large.

**Domestic Violence:** Beth announced a meeting will be held next Wednesday.

**Stay at Home in Wilton:** Meetings, discussions and distribution of information are in the offing.

**Wilton Senior Center Advisory Council:** Judy Zucker discussed the Council's objectives, i.e. to serve as a sounding board and resource for the coordinator of senior activities, to develop a "wish list" for the senior center and seek funding sources and to serve as advocate for the senior center. Judy will invite the Commission to join the Council's visits to the Westport and Ridgefield Senior Centers.

**Wilton Commons:** George Ciaccio announced that the Town of Wilton voted favorably to extend the option to lease the Wilton Commons property for six months to June 8, 2012.

**Miscellaneous:** Members present have all been officially sworn in for the next term.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mabley, Co-Secretary

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 5:30 PM

