

**Commission on Social Services
Town Of Wilton
September 13, 2012 – Minutes**

Attending: Cathy Pierce, Betty-Jo Corridon, Roseann De Simone, Virginia Smith, Judy Zucker, Beth Mason

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Vice Chairman Betty-Jo Corridon.
The June 14, 2012 minutes were approved.

Director's Report

The 2012 **Fuel Fund** campaign will soon begin, under the auspices of the Wilton Community Assistance Council, chaired by Rita Garland and Lynn Vanderslice. The “umbrella” Wilton Interfaith Council, the Wilton Kiwanis Club, and the Wilton Rotary Club will co-sponsor a December 1, 2012 performance of “Beatlemania” at the Clune Center to raise funds for food and fuel.

Food Pantry: the weekly perishable food order from Village Market has been increased, and from now on these items will be distributed only to client families with children; new food distribution procedures are in place (2 paper bags per single client or couple, 3 bags per family with children, 1 bag of which is for perishables); a letter explaining these changes has been distributed to Food Pantry volunteers. There are still approximately 60 families using the Food Pantry each month.

Cathy gave an update on **Wilton Commons**, reporting on the Mutual Housing Association's recent information session, defining the components of congregate services, and describing some of the selection criteria to be used for applicants. Applications will be available by September 24.

Chairman's Report

Betty-Jo reported for Peg Koellmer who was unable to attend.

Thanks were extended to Parks and Recreation for painting the exterior entrance to Social Services and the Senior Center.

Thanks were extended to Kiwanis for the much needed food drive conducted over the summer. Commissioners are asked to complete and return their evaluation forms.

Peg will represent the Social Services department at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church annual mission fair on September 16.

Liaison Reports

Domestic Violence Task Force - Beth Mason

Events for October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month) include the following:

Hanging of purple ribbons on September 30

Town Proclamation at Town Hall on October 3 at 10 am

Bake sales at WHS Homecoming (9/24) and Village Market (10/6 and 10/21)

Fundraiser at Open House gift shop October 17, 9 am – noon.

WHS Clothesline Project, week of October 1-5

Presentation at Wilton Library on “Internet Safety,” co-sponsored by WDVTF, the Library, and Teen PeaceWorks on October 23 at 7 pm.

Wilton Interfaith Council – Cathy Pierce (see Director’s Report above)

Underage Drinking Task Force – Roseann De Simone

No summer activity. First meeting of new school year scheduled for next week.

Food Pantry – Betty Jo Corridon (see Director’s Report above)

Stay At Home in Wilton – Beth Mason

SAHW and the Wilton Historical Society are co-sponsoring a forum “Building a Future From the Past” on September 23.

Wilton Youth Council

Due to Suzanne Schintzius’s resignation from the Commission, Virginia Smith has volunteered to fill this liaison position and will report at the next meeting.

In addition to the Liaison Reports, Judy Zucker reported that, on the advice of Town Counsel, the proposed senior discount card project will not go forward at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason
Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday October 11, 2012 at 5:30 pm