

**Commission on Social Services
Town of Wilton
October 11, 2012 – Minutes**

Attending: Peg Koellmer, Judy Zucker, Roseann De Simone, Cathy Pierce, Beth Mason, Judy Mabley, Nate Shipp.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairman Peg Koellmer.

The September 13, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

National Food Bank Week

Peg reported the following plans:

A Y-sponsored food drive

Stuff the Bus at WHS Homecoming on October 13

Cider Mill food drive on October 26

Follow-up thank you Letters to the Editor

Commission Meeting Attendance Policy

A discussion was held regarding meeting attendance. Peg will take the group suggestions and recommendations under advisement and report back in November.

Director's Report

The 2012 Fuel Fund campaign will soon be under way.

Holiday giving program plans include 70 Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed next month.

Wilton Commons applications are now being accepted, and a lottery will be held in early December. There is a possibility that a grant from the State will be approved which will allow for the completion of 23 units of congregate housing.

Liaison Reports

Trackside – Peg Koellmer

The successful 14th Annual Gold Outing was held on September 14, with proceeds totaling \$5,000 awarded to Trackside by the Arthur Wall memorial fund.

Underage Drinking Task Force – Roseann De Simone

The task force meeting on September 20 included planning for a future program on body image and self-harming as related to substance abuse; for pre-prom awareness programs in the spring of 2013; and for Red Ribbon Week (October 22-26, 2012) presentations.

Wilton Commons – Judy Mabley

Construction is 40% complete, with final completion anticipated for late winter 2013. Additional funding for Phase 2 construction is still being sought. Public information sessions have been held in Wilton at Trackside and in Norwalk at City Hall. Office space for conducting interviews has been made available at Our Lady of Fatima. Judy is a member of the recently-formed Wilton Commons design and furnishings committee.

Stay At Home in Wilton – Beth Mason

There are currently 62 members of SAHW. A promotional mailing will go out on October 23 to all residents over age 80. A membership renewal drive is scheduled for late December.

Local Housing and Economic Report – Peg Koellmer

Signs of recovery are positive, with rates low, prices going down, and sales going up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason
Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday November 8, 2012 – 5:30 pm