

Town of Wilton, CT
COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SERVICES
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015

Present: Virginia Smith, Christine Tenore, Peg Koellmer, Michael O'Connell, Judy Zucker, Betty-Jo Corridon, Pam Kelley, Roseann DeSimone

Absent: Cathy Pierce, Phil Lauria

Co-chairman Virginia Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Roseann DeSimone, seconded by Judy Zucker, the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved, pending an update to note Betty-Jo Corridon was absent for the meeting.

Co-Chairman Update:

Virginia and Christine updated the members regarding their decisions, announced at the April 2015 meeting, to step down from their positions along with a slate of existing members interested in assuming leadership roles within the Commission. The following members agreed to stand for election at the June 11, 2015 Commission meeting for one-year terms:

Chairmen – Judy Zucker

Vice Chairmen – Phil Lauria

Secretary – Michael O'Connell

Christine offered to review the voting process with the Town council to understand absentee voting for members unable to attend the June meeting.

In lieu of an annual dinner meeting with members of the Social Services department, all staff members are invited to the June meeting.

Directors Report:

Cathy was unable to attend the meeting. She will provide an extended update at the June meeting.

Comstock Construction Update:

The Commissioners thanked Judy Zucker for arranging a tour prior to the meeting of the construction zone.

She reiterated the overall project remains on schedule and that the Social Services and Parks & Recreation departments have been very accommodating during the work. She shared the completed status for the abatement of hazardous materials along with the removal of the old boiler following the successful shutoff May 1, 2015.

Virginia shared security and site concerns with Judy regarding the exposure of the construction space. Judy agreed to discuss the issue with Turner.

Liaison Reports:

Peg Koellmer updated the Commissioners on the Safe Rides program, specifically the development of compliance policies regarding drivers age and the State of CT restrictions.

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Roseann DeSimone reported about a pending meeting of the Underage Drinking task force to plan direction and future initiatives.

Betty Jo updated the Commissioners about the Stay at Home Wilton end-of-year social and the large number of members marching in the Memorial Day parade.

Virginia expressed confidence that the youth grants pending with the State will be obtained. She expects to have a final decision by the June meeting.

New business:

Pam suggested an improved connection between Family and Children's Agency and Social Services regarding the semi-annual Minks to Sinks sale, more specifically the possibility of providing Monday sale items to Social Services clients. She offered to explore this more directly with Cathy and report back.

Upon motion by Pam Kelly, seconded by Peg Koellmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Connell, Secretary