

COMMISSION on SOCIAL SERVICES

Town of Wilton

Minutes of January 9, 2014 Meeting

Attending: Betty Jo Corridon, , Peg Koellmer, Judy Mabley, Cathy Pierce, Virginia Smith, Christine Tenore, Michael O'Connell, Judy Zucker and Roseann De Simone.

Absent: David Graybill

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peg Koellmer at 5:30 PM

No corrections and or discussion of December minutes- therefore minutes were automatically approved.

New Business:

Peg Koellmer distributed the Town of Wilton Code of Ethics to Commission members present. All Commissioners present at the meeting read and signed the document. P. Koellmer will submit the signed documents to Town Hall.

The CSS original charge document will be reviewed by J Zucker. Upon completion she will send out any suggested comments to the all Commissioners' for review and comment. Commissioners will then be responsible to call J. Zucker directly to discuss such changes. The reviewed/updated document will be addressed at the February meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Trackside/Safe Rides: Peg Koellmer stated that Trackage hosted a program last Friday, January 3, 2014- the day of the snowstorm- where Wilton High School alumni Doug Bogan and his group provided entertainment. P.Koellmer stated that the event was successful and netted \$3,500.00

Safe Rides: the program continues to be successful. A question was raised as to the delineation of transportation regarding Public vs. Private destination for pick up. P. Koellmer will ask for clarification and respond at the February meeting.

Wilton Social Services: The Wilton Community Assistance Fund received donations during the holiday season. C. Pierce explained that certain monies were earmarked for gift giving and if all of the monies were not spent it will go into the fund for next year's program. This year started at a zero balance.

All donations, unless specifically earmarked, are distributed for fuel, the food pantry and gift giving. There has been an increase in energy assistance applications from last year.

Food Pantry: Paper products are in demand. C.Pierce utilized some of the Assistance Fund monies to secure a Peapod delivery of paper products for the Food Pantry. C. Pierce will ask L.Hughes if a food drive is needed in the near future.

Wilton Commons: David Graybill, in absentia, reported that the Commons is fully rented and all is going well. There is a new Board of Directors who are looking to future improvements in the facility. A Hair Salon and Concession Store are to open shortly. Also planning for further facility decorating is in progress.

Senior Center Advisory Council: Judy Zucker reported that a number of projects have been accomplished in the Senior Center- room redefinition on the lower level and reinforcement of the café wall. She stated that the architects have presented a viable plan and this information will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. She is asking for support of the project from the Commission and hopes to also inform the general public so that they understand what this undertaking entails and why it is needed.

Stay at Home Wilton: Judy Mabley reported that the philosophy of allowing residents to remain in their own home in Wilton is working with the assistance of this committee.

Youth Council: Virginia Smith reported that a Youth Council program Healthy Gaming Habits for Parents is scheduled to be presented to address the ongoing issue of youth engaging in excessive time spent in playing video games.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann De Simone, Co-secretary