

**Commission on Social Services
Minutes December 11, 2008**

Attending: Judy Mabley, Judy Zucker, Cathy Pierce, Beth Mason, Betty-Jo Corridon, Ed Raposa, Lauren Hughes

The meeting, chaired by Judy Mabley, came to order at 5:00 pm.

The November 13, 2008 and December 4, 2008 minutes were approved.

Director's Report – Cathy Pierce

The Department is seeing many new clients (people applying for assistance for the first time), and more are expected in January as further lay-offs occur. Cathy is exploring ways to use the resources of the recently-merged Coastal Fairfield United Way to offer financial education and information-sharing services for clients on topics such as foreclosures, bankruptcy, resume-retooling, etc.

The selectmen have authorized Parks and Recreation Director Steve Pierce to get estimates for the inspection of the condition of the Comstock building, identification of short-term maintenance needs, and analysis of repair costs.

Social Services Budget Presentations – Cathy Pierce

The Social Services and Senior Center draft budgets, and contingency models for both, were presented by Cathy for review and discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting: January 8, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason
Co-Secretary