

**Commission on Social Services
Minutes January 8, 2009**

Attending: Peggy Koellmer, Ed Raposa, Sue Chalons-Browne, Judy Zucker, Betty-Jo Corridon, Beth Mason, Cathy Pierce, Colleen Fawcett, Leslie Rogers, Judy Mabley
Also Attending: Bill Glass, Executive Director Trackside, Marianne Wilson, President Trackside, Patty Sweeney, Treasurer.

The meeting was held at the new Nursing and Home Care facility in the I-Park on Route 7 in Norwalk. Sharon Bradley, President of NHC, provided a tour of the offices.

The meeting, chaired by Leslie Rogers, was called to order at 5:45 pm.

December 11, 2008 minutes were approved.

Director's Report – Cathy Pierce

Cathy discussed the increasing needs of the Town to Town transportation program and the Medical Assistance line item.

Trackside Teen Center 2009-2010 Budget Presentation -- Bill Glass, Marianne Wilson and Patty Sweeney initiated a discussion of Trackside, focusing on its budget to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. It was stated that the budget will be realistic and viable. Highlighted also were a successful on-going focus on increased participation by the students and community, fund-raising activities and strategic planning. The budget asks that staffing be increased to include a full-time program director. The report also requests medical insurance for the Executive Director.

Commission members were reminded that the Board of Selectmen meeting will review the budget requests of the Department of Social Services on January 15 at 7:30 pm followed by the Trackside presentation. Attendance is encouraged.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting – February 12, 2009 5:30 to 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mabley, Co-Secretary