

Wilton Social Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Via Zoom

Present: Peg, Koellmer, Suzanne Wakeem, Maxine Tobias, Danielle Mancuso, Bettye Ragnonetti, Sarah Heath

Guests: Lynne Vanderslice, Ross Tartell

Peg Koellmer conducted the meeting

1. Welcome

Introductions from Suzanne Wakeem, Sarah Heath, Maxine Tobias, Danielle Mancuso, Bettye Ragnonetti, Peg Koellmer

2. Acceptance of November 12, 2020 meeting minutes

Peg made a motion to approve minutes

Bettye seconded.

All approved.

3. Review of FOIA and Other Administrative Items – Lynne Vanderslice

Explained FOIA requirements and public rule

Town Council will conduct training sessions in first quarter of 2021

1/20/17 BOF meeting provides excellent training information

Urged periodic review of “Guide to serving on a Town Board/Commission”

Explained secretary duties

Brought up housekeeping matters for new commission members

Mentioned that BOS would like commission to review tax relief ordinance for elderly and persons with disabilities as well as take a lead in reaching out to non-profits. Ross Tartell contributed to the discussion.

Expressed support for non-profit liaison role.

4. Election of officers

The commission elected the following officers

Peg Koellmer, Chair

Bettye Ragognetti, Vice Chair

Maxine Tobias, Secretary

5. Discussion on Liaisons responsibilities and how can the town assist Wilton businesses and non-profits during COVID

Sarah Heath agreed to come up with a list of non-profits to liaison for the next meeting

Lynne recommended looking at a broad scope of non-profits

6. Sarah Heath- review of Social Services Department

Director of Social Services presented overview of social services department, including personnel.

Mentioned that there are income eligibility guidelines to obtain service.

Described how Wilton Community Assistance Fund works.

Cited 'Corridors' newsletter to get an idea of what Social Services Department does for seniors.

7. Review of Social Services Charge

Lynne and Peg gave history and context.

Lynne explained reporting lines in town charter.

Peg will research charge review for discussion at next meeting

8. Discussion on Senior Tax Relief

Peg offered to talk to assessor about senior tax relief for discussion information

Item tabled for next meeting

9. Public Comment

No public comment received

10. Adjourn

Bettye made a motion to adjourn,

Suzanne seconded

All approved