Commission on Social Services Town of Wilton Meeting Minutes June 13, 2013

<u>Present:</u> Peg Koellmer, Judy Zucker, Roseann DeSimone, Cathy Pierce, Virginia Smith, Judy Mabley, Christine Tenore, David Graybill, Betty Jo Corridon

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm.

The minutes of the May 9 meeting were approved.

Commission Business:

<u>Director's Report</u>: Cathy Pierce reported a decrease in the number of families using the Food Pantry in the past month.

Cathy discussed the Mental Health First Aid Training program that is underway. The first session, held on June 7, had 26 people attending. The second session is scheduled for June 14, with a similar number of participants expected. Attendees included a member of the Police Department, an EMT, and other community members. The first session included topics such as the stigma surrounding mental illness, an overview of depression, and training in how to handle situations involving persons displaying disturbed behavior.

<u>Wilton Commons</u>: There will be an open house for members of the community to visit Wilton Commons starting at 3 pm on Saturday, June 15, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 pm.

There are vacancies for middle- and upper-income tier units. The lower income tier units all are filled, and there is also a waiting list for these units. People on the waiting list for Ogden House are being contacted to determine if they might be interested in Wilton Commons.

The terms of conditions of the Wilton Commons Phase II grant are not yet known.

Christine Tenore was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Following the meeting, the Commission hosted a dinner to honor members of the Social Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Smith