



Town of Wilton, CT  
COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SERVICES  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2016

Present: Danielle Mancuso, Genevieve Eason, Phil Lauria, Deborah Low, Michael O'Connell, Cathy Pierce, Christine Tenore, Ann Mitrone

Absent: Judy Zucker, Pam Kelley

Special Guests: Members of the Social Services Department

Vice Chairman Phil Lauria called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Upon motion by Deborah Low, seconded by Danielle Mancuso, the minutes from the May 12, 2016 meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Ann Mitrone, seconded by Genevieve Eason, the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, presented at the May 12, 2016 meeting, for officers of the Commission for the 2016 – 2017 term were unanimously approved, as follows:

- Chairman – Deborah Low
- Vice Chairman – Phil Lauria
- Secretary – Mike O'Connell

Youth Services Mental Health Needs Assessment Report – Final Draft Discussion and Action

The subcommittee presented their final draft report to the Commission. An extensive discussion ensued among Commission members, focused on: private provider availability, office space, and insurance; town budget constraints for social work in 2016-2017; and Connecticut youth services grant status.

The Commission decided to postpone a formal action on the report's recommendations until the September 2016 meeting.

Director and Staff Reports

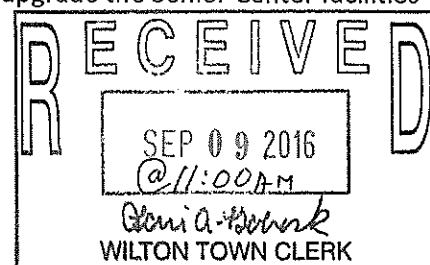
Cathy summarized the activities for the year, hi-lighting many accomplishments. She expressed particular appreciation for the addition of a new resource to the team, allowing her more time for planning and management of the department.

Colleen Fawcett thanked the Commission for developing the mental health needs assessment report for Youth Services. She provided specific examples to the Commissioners of the types of case work she managed throughout the year.

Lauren Hughes outlined the achievements of the senior services and food pantry function during the year, particularly the increase need for alternative housing options and medical insurance information.

Sarah Muccio thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to join the department during the year and spoke of her specific work facilitating the energy assistance program during the year.

Liz Doty was most appreciative of the investment by the town to upgrade the Senior Center facilities during the year.





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Upon motion to adjourn made by Phil Lauria, seconded by Deborah Low, and unanimously approved, the meeting ended at 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Connell, Secretary