

**Commission on Social Services  
Minutes November 13, 2008**

Attending: Judy Mabley, Judy Zucker, Cathy Pierce, Leslie Rogers, Betty-Jo Corridon, Beth Mason, Amy Jeffereis

The October 16, 2008 minutes were approved as amended.

**Director's Report – Cathy Pierce**

Cathy attended a United Way-sponsored summit at Fairfield University on November 13, where area town officials and representatives of service agencies gathered to brainstorm re: developing programs and resources to weather the economic storm.

The department's food and gift assistance programs for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are already "going strong," with increasing numbers of new clients applying for aid from the Town.

Budget preparation work continues as the department awaits word from Town Hall regarding revisions which may be required due to the economic outlook for the coming year.

The Commission's December meeting date may be changed depending on when the budget is finalized. Cathy and Leslie will let us know.

**Wilton Youth Services – Colleen Fawcett**

Colleen presented a detailed overview of recent Youth Services activity (see attached Youth Services Report to the First Selectman for October 2008), answered many questions, and outlined plans for future programming. She was enthusiastically praised by the members of the Commission for her professionalism and dedication, her faith in the process, and her effectiveness in tapping into a wide range of resources which help to deliver service and ease the Town's financial burden.

**Liaison Reports**

Community/Senior Center

Judy Zucker reported that the Comstock project has been placed on indefinite hold by the Board of Selectmen.

**Other business:**

Commission membership update: Amy Jeffereis will not be serving a new term. Leslie will follow up on other members' plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**Next Meeting: DATE TO BE DETERMINED**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mason, Co-Secretary

