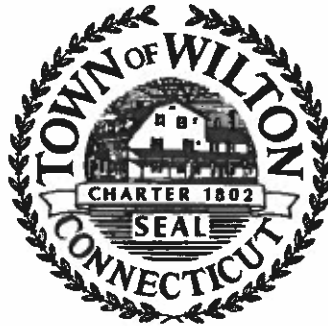


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**Wilton Social Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Senior Center Lounge at Comstock Community Center**

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Present: Genevieve Eason, Sarah Heath, Pam Kelley, Danielle Mancuso, Ann Mitrione, Michael O'Connell, Judy Zucker

Guests: Colleen Fawcett, Wilton Social Services, LCSW, Youth Services Coordinator

1. Welcome

Genevieve welcomed commissioners to the meeting.

2. Guest Speaker: Colleen Fawcett

Colleen updated the commission on two projects she is doing at Youth Services. She is leading the Free Play Task Force, which was formed after a community forum organized by Wilton Youth Council. There is evidence that some of the rising rates of anxiety and depression in children and youth might be prevented by bringing free play back into the lives of children. The Task Force has three committees, Neighborhood/Family, Community, and Schools. The stated purpose of the task force is: To inspire and educate the community about the critical importance of free-play in the lives of children, and to facilitate the creation of more free-play opportunities for children of all ages in Wilton.

Together with the Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Services is working on a program from the Connecticut state government to address truancy and breaking of school rules. The State is moving oversight of these issues from the court system into youth services bureaus. The focus is on getting kids back into school and on diversion programs. Wilton Youth Services will be responsible for intake. Colleen helped the schools to write a grant for funding to hire a case worker to do follow up with families.

3. Director's report

Sarah reviewed the report that was previously submitted to Commissioners and answered questions.

4. Budget discussion

Sarah shared the budget she submitted to the town's finance director, Anne Kelly-Lenz. Sarah will meet with the First Selectwoman and finance director before the budget goes to the Board of Finance. Liz Doty also submitted the budget for the senior center.

5. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on December 14, 2017

Having no additions or changes, the minutes were accepted as submitted.

6. Wilton Plan of Conservation and Development survey

Commissioners discussed responses to the survey questions.

7. Liaisons to local organizations and agencies

Commissioners discussed assigning liaisons to local organizations.

8. Adjourn

Next meeting – February 8, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Connell
Secretary