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**Wilton Social Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Senior Center Lounge at Comstock Community Center**

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Present: Genevieve Eason, Sarah Heath, Pam Kelley, Michael O'Connell, Judy Zucker, Christine Tenore, Paul Nisco

Guests: Sharon Gesek, SWCAA Program Director; Katie Regan, Respite Care Manager, SWCAA; Gina Blum, Stay at Home of Darien; and, Anne Richards, Stay at Home in Wilton

1. Welcome

Genevieve welcomed commissioners to the meeting.

Genevieve introduced the guest speakers from the Southwest CT Agency on Aging (SWCAA)

2. Dementia Friends Presentation

Sharon and Katie presented an introduction of the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative, sponsored by the Live Well Connecticut, based upon guidelines from Dementia Friends America.

Dementia Friends is a volunteer organization dedicated to learning about dementia and providing avenues for communities to increase awareness and assistance to individuals with dementia.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on May 10, 2018

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

4. Pam Kelley submitted a motion, seconded by Judy Zucker, to amend the meeting agenda to allow for a presentation from the Nominating Committee regarding the slate of officers for the commission for the 2018 – 2019 term.

Receiving no objections, the motion was accepted.

5. The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officer recommendations to the Commissioners for the 2018 – 2019 term:

Chair - Genevieve Eason
Vice Chair - Danielle Mancuso
Secretary – Michael O’Connell

Judy Zucker motioned to approve the nominating committee recommendation; seconded by Pam Kelley. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners.

6. Director’s report

Sarah reviewed the September 2018 three-month report that was previously submitted to Commissioners.

In-depth discussions followed, focused on the transition plan for the Senior Center. Sarah updated the commissioners on the hiring plan for the new social services activities coordinator position.

7. Meeting Dates for 2019

Genevieve proposed to retain the commission’s meeting cadence as 6:00 pm the second Tuesday of each month of 2019 as follows:

January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13

8. Liaison Reports

Pam mentioned Bob McDowell, Executive Director of the Wilton WYCA, would be our special guest at the October 2018 meeting. She also discussed the capital renovation project at the YMCA.

9. Wellness Month

Wilton residents are invited to attend the Out of the Darkness Walk in Westport on Saturday, October 27, where an information and mental health “check up from the neck up” table will be available.

10. Adjourn, 7:25 PM

Next meeting – October 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Connell
Secretary