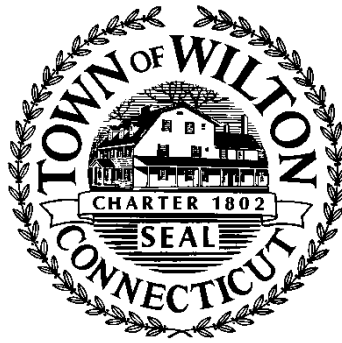


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**Wilton Social Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Senior Center Lounge at Comstock Community Center**

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

Guest: Anne Richards

1. Welcome

Mike welcomed everyone. Commissioners reviewed the calendar of meetings from September to June. Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month, except in February, when it will be on the 12th due to a school holiday.

2. Acceptance of the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes

The minutes were accepted as distributed.

3. Director's report

Sarah reviewed the Summer 2019 report that was previously submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included:

- Affordable housing remains a prime concern of clients.
- There are 45 children enrolled in the new Parks and Rec after school program.
- It is good to see that people are using the food pantry. Cider Mill School donated fresh produce from the school garden.
- The back to school program provided back packs, Chromebooks, PTA school supply boxes, and gift cards for 45 families and 86 children.
- The department hopes that people will apply early for energy assistance. There are probably a number of households in town that would qualify but are have not applied.

4. 2019-22 Commission Meeting Planning

The commissioners discussed goals for the year including:

- Invite Carol Martin of the Westport and Fairfield Housing Authorities to present to the commission on affordable housing

- Invite Andy Schlesinger to speak to commission about Wilton Rocks for Food
- Invite staff to present at meetings, as they have in the past
- Review liaison assignments
- Connect with the Hindu Mandir and/or Interfaith Clergy Association
- Can we outreach to new residents?
- Contact farms in the area to see if they can donate excess produce to the food pantry

5. Adjourn, 7:10 PM

Next meeting – October 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Eason
Secretary