

Social Services Commission

Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair Kathleen Lombardo Dorye Jackson Ellen Petersen

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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Minutes for September 10, 2019

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Commission Members

Caroline Temlock Teichman Kate Lombardo Ellen Petersen Dorye Jackson - absent **Public Safety Staff**

Ellen Bromley, Social Services Director

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Two members of the public, Shirley Rilett and David Espina addressed the Commission with respect to their interest in its work.

<u>Introduction of New Commission member</u> – Chair Temlock Teichman introduced Ellen Peterson.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from January 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

Report from Director of Social Services

Director Bromley reported on the work ahead for Stamford's "Complete Count" Committee and asked whether Commission members would be interested in assisting that Committee with its work. She then reviewed the structure of the Social Services Department by employee position, summarizing the work for which each of its four person staff is responsible.

Goals for 2019-20

Chair Temlock Teichman reviewed the Commission's work on civic engagement and youth in the community. She asked whether Commission members would be interested in moving forward in this or working in some other area. Examples included, food insecurity and best practices for making immigrants comfortable in our community. There was interest in both ideas. The Commission will seek input from the social service and wider community to inform its direction.

Other New Business

There are no new pending Fair Rent Cases.

Old Business

Chair Temlock Teichman asked at what time the Commissioners preferred to schedule its regular monthly meetings. Commissioners agreed that Commission meetings would be called for 5:15.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

