

Social Services Commission Meeting
Minutes for January 11, 2022

Via Zoom

Attendees:

Commissioners:

Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair

Kate Lombardo

Juan Ospina

Ellen Petersen

Renai Strother

City of Stamford:

Sharona Cowan, Director of Social Services

Members of the Public:

Frances Lane, Stamford Housing Public Trust Fund

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from December 13, 2021 were reviewed and accepted, with 2 abstentions.

Public Comment: Frances Lane introduced herself and commented that she only recently became aware of the Stamford Social Services Commission through a communication with Sharona Cowan.

Old Business:

1. Director Sharona Cowan updated the Commission on Fair Rent activity, Social Services Department activity. Social services related activity in the Stamford community, and state and federal related updates. Her report is attached.

A discussion ensued concerning how to make the public better aware of Fair Rent Law and better engage in civic involvement. The Commissioners agreed to further discuss how the Commission can contribute to an information campaign making the public aware of Fair Rent and other social services available.

2. Commissioner Lombardo reported on the activities of the Food Collaborative and on The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County.

New Business: Director Cowan suggested that the Commission elect a Commission Secretary to take and submit meeting minutes. Chair Temlock Teichman replied that other Commissions

have staff who perform these functions, but asked Commissioners interested in being Secretary to let her know.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.