Members Present: Richard J. Luby, Suzanne Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Karen Baker, and Stephan Behuniak

Member(s) Absent: Saundra Gesek, Thomas LaPaglia and Bonnie Wilkes

Others present: Ehlayna Napolitano (Voices Reporter)

1. The meeting was called to order by Suzanne @ 7:11 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance — all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public comment: None.

4. A Motion was made by Karen to Defer the approval of the October 27, 2016 minutes and 2nd by Betty. Motion Carried.

5. Members’ comments: Suzanne will be forwarding the Valley Community Foundation – Indicators Project results link. Karen will be looking into the current transportation availability to and from the Seymour/Oxford Food bank. If so, would transportation be for seniors only; or is available to all in need?

6. New Business: Sue handed out the 2017 Livable Communities Meeting Schedule for review.

7. Old Business:
   a. Discussion around developing and delivering our Vision:
      i. Do we need a vision? It seems very similar to values/mission
      ii. What if we create short term or annual vision goals? This will provide a guideline and hold us accountable.
         1. Comments: Betty mentioned that this would ensure we accomplish set tasks.
         2. Homework: Review other town visions and goals

8. Other Business: Committee took next steps addressing/accomplishing the results of the questionnaire.
   a. Focusing on quick wins: Recreation/Transportation.
      i. Invite Community Services Director Mary McNelis to a future meeting.
      ii. Invite Recreation Commission Chair Joseph LaRovera to a future meeting.
      iii. Stephan mentioned: we should invite all local/town resources that provide transportation to the community.
iv. Other Committee Members Mentioned: Valley Transit, Community Center, Kennedy Center (Mobility Study Finding), Valley Cab

v. Our goal would be to send the First Selectman a report and recommendations in February.

9. Our Agenda for December 22, 2016: Continue to discuss the results of the questionnaire, address transportation needs and how we best utilize the town’s current resources to respond to those needs.

10. Public comment: None

11. A motion was made Karen and 2nd Stephan to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard J. Luby, Secretary