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Livable Communities Committee

April 10, 2014
Assembly Hall
7pm

Present: Gerry Eckhart, Suzanne Reilly, Lucy McConologue, Karen Baker, Elizabeth Musto, Bonnie Wilkes, Joe Luciano, Sandra Gesek

Absent: Len Greene

Others present: State Representative Theresa Conroy

Public comment

Theresa reported that we had been looking for money for Seymour's Greenway project. Derby had \$400,000 left from their part of the project. They are giving it to Seymour.

Minutes:

Karen made a motion to accept the March 13, 2014 minutes. 2nd -- **Suzanne**. Approved.

Chairman's comments:

Joe stated that only 30 of 169 towns in CT are ADA compliant. During discussion Lucy felt that all members of the committee should be able to make comments at this time.

Karen and Betty did a walking tour of Seymour. Handed out a detailed list of items that were concerning.

Definition of what a livable community is:

A Livable Community is one that contributes positively to its citizens, enhancing the quality of life for young and old, and shows care and concern for their safety, health and welfare by working together to address the issues and obstacles, and implementing the necessary changes in a timely manner.

Motion to accept the definition by Lucy. 2nd – Suzanne. Unanimous acceptance.

A Livable Community provides:

1. accessible transportation (public buses, paratransport vehicles, trains)
2. "walkability" (ADA intact sidewalks, curb cuts)
3. recreation, arts and cultural opportunities
4. healthcare services
5. shopping
6. safety and security
7. housing
8. networking community organizations for care and support.

Motion to accept the 8 components of what a livable community should provide by Joe.. 2nd Lucy. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie, 2nd Joe.

8:36pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandra Gesek

