

## **Livable Communities Committee**

November 19, 2015

**Present:** Karen Baker, Betty Musto, Suzanne Reilly, Bonnie Wilkes (7:05pm),  
Saundra Gesek

Meeting was called to order by Suzanne at 7:04pm.

**Motion to accept the Sept.24, 2015 minutes (Karen), 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty. Accepted.**

The 2016 proposed meeting schedule was distributed. One change was made. The March 24 meeting was changed to a Special Meeting to be held on March 17, 2016.

**Mark Pandolfi, Valley Transit District (VTD) Executive Director**, spoke about the services that VTD provides. Transportation services are provided to valley residents on Mon.- Fri. from 6am - 6pm for those who are not able to get to a fixed bus stop. **Dial-a Ride** services are also available (non ADA). VTD currently has 14 twenty passenger buses. The Fares range from \$3 - \$4.50 for a one way trip. One major development is that they went out to bid for a new transit station (near Derby train station) which should begin construction in early spring. VTD is pushing for more service hours - especially weekend service.

**Mary McNelis, Seymour Community Services Director** shared what services and activities are currently available for Seymour residents. The recreation, senior center and library have a goal to offer many programs for people of all ages. Transportation hours for medical appointments have expanded their hours (Tue and Thurs 1-4pm - limited to the valley). They are looking to add Sunday transportation to and from church services. Head librarian, Suzanne Garvey, has reading programs at the Ray, Callahan and Smithfield Gardens facilities. They are looking for more large print books.

The December agenda will be routine.

**Motion to adjourn by Karen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty. Unanimous. 9:05pm**

Respectfully submitted by, Saundra Gesek