

MINUTES
Livable Communities Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 3/9/16
TIME: 9:10 AM
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Members Present: Stephan Behuniak, Betty Musto, Tom LaPaglia, Bonnie Wilkes, Suzanne Reilly, and Sandra Gesek

Member(s) Absent: Karen Baker

Others present: Theresa Conroy, Zani Imetovski (7:24pm)

1. The meeting was **called to order** @ 7:06 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Welcome new members** – there were no new members present.
4. **Public comment:** there was no public comment
5. A **Motion** was made by Betty to approve the January 28, 2016 minutes and 2nd by Bonnie. Motion Carried.
6. **Members' comments:** **Bonnie:** Should we be paying a secretary to take our minutes? I believe there may be funds available for this assistance.
Suzanne: We have confirmed that there is no template available for our report to BOS. We will continue to use our own format for the report. There may be some grants available to help provide monetary assistance for suggested needs in town. There is a need for improved communication to keep our community informed of what programs and services are available, perhaps we can get some funding to improve communication via a Resource Guide or another option. On June 15 – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Valley Senior Services Council will host a series of Events at the Seymour Community Center from 9am -1pm to include a Uniform Fashion Show w/ Angela DeLeon as the MC, a Senior Services Provider Fair and other presenters from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, a continental breakfast will be served.
7. **Old business:** **Betty:** wanted to know if the “needs assessment” (spring of 2014) report has been addressed. We have had no feedback from our 1st Selectman to date. **Tom** will do a walking tour of town to see if any of the 2014 “needs assessment” have been addressed. He will report at our March 17th Special meeting.
8. **Other Business:** **Suzanne:** March 23rd Community Services Fair (SHS) @ 7:00 pm a light dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Social services available in the community will be addressed.
9. **New business:** Our Presentation by Officer John Harkins Community Outreach for the Seymour Police Department is postponed to a later date due to a conflict with his schedule.
10. Our **Agenda** for March 17, 2016 Special meeting will include a presentation by Trisha A. Danka, Chairperson of Seymour's 10 year Strategic Planning committee; she will share the progress of their committee work.
11. **Public comment:** Theresa was addressed concerning housing for the elderly. She provided us with information about Granny Pods that are becoming more popular and a long term care alternative.
12. A motion was made by Stephan, 2nd Tom to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Gesek
Secretary