

MINUTES

Livable Communities Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2016 , 7:00 pm

Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** Stephan Behuniak, Sandra Gesek, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Richard J. Luby and Suzanne Reilly.

**Member(s) Absent:** Karen Baker, Thomas LaPaglia, and Bonnie Wilkes

**Others present:** None

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Suzanne @ 7:08 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public comment:** None
4. A **Motion** was made by Betty to **approve the July 28, 2016 minutes** and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephan. Motion Carried.
5. **Members' comments:** Stephan complimented Suzanne on her recent presentation to the Board of Selectman's in regards to the Community Center addition of TEAM's Adult Day Care Program.  
Betty would like to see beautification to the walls and side walk near and around the train trestle.
6. **Old business:** We reviewed the mission statement and goals homework provided by committee members. Attending members collaboratively developed a mission statement utilizing key words that reflected the committee's input. The Livable Communities mission is to **"Promote an inclusive community where quality of life, enhanced services and livability are a priority."**
7. **Other Business:** Committee members identified the need to build exposure and outreach to get more involvement of our residents. We discussed how to best "communicate" the needs and goals of Livable Communities. One way to obtain our resident's viewpoint is to get a questionnaire to the residents at local events. In preparation of our next meeting please perform some Internal and External interviews: Ask those that you know from the town and record the results; this information may be helpful to us going forward.

The recommended questions to ask are:

1. What programs and services does Seymour do well?
2. Should any of these programs/services be expanded?
3. What are the challenges that the town faces?
4. What are the service gaps?

8. **New business:** Provide the residents with a questionnaire at the Pumpkin Festival, Founder's Day and other events to understand the community wants/needs. The goal is 100 responses in total. Divided into 20 responses per committee member. Sandra is unable to continue in the role as Secretary and Richard had agreed to take on the role of recording Secretary going forward. A motion was made by Suzanne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra to appoint Richard J. Luby as acting secretary. Motion carried.
9. **Our Agenda for September 22, 2016:** Develop and deliver the committee's vision and values. Also review any results of the questionnaire obtained by committee members the goal is for each member to ask 20 individuals and report back..
10. **Public comment:** None
11. A motion was made Betty and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard J. Luby, Secretary