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Livable Communities Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7:00 pm

Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Member(s) Absent: Sandra 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