

MINUTES

Livable Communities Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 22, 2016, 7:00 pm

Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Richard J. Luby, Suzanne Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Thomas LaPaglia, Karen Baker, and Sandra Gesek

Member(s) Absent: Stephan Behuniak and Karen Baker and Bonnie Wilkes

Others present:

The meeting was **called to order** by Suzanne @ 7:09 pm.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public comment:** None.
3. A **Motion** was made by Betty to approve the **November 17, 2016 Special Meeting minutes** and 2nd by Sue. Motion Carried.
4. **Members' comments:** Suzanne has been in contact with Mary (Community Center). On that topic the Community Center Christmas party was a success and the center seems to be increasing outreach efforts. Specifically they received a grant from Katharine Matthies Foundation to convert space and equip a fitness room. The room should be open early next year.

As a follow up to last month's meeting; Suzanne spoke with Mary regarding providing transportation to the Seymour/Oxford food bank this is being considered once again however, the Food Bank personnel are hesitant to have transportation provided due to their limited resources and schedule.

Rich – Shared a recent effort to hold a community job fair at the community center. He will keep committee posted.

5. **New Business:** We discussed our homework which was to review other towns/communities that have similar Livable Communities Committees. Majority of the town committees had more dedications to specific areas of the services we cover: Streets, Biking, and Walking Trails. Others seem to be dedicated to senior living/aging in place.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Transportation:
 - i. **Rec Dept.** says they have vehicles available but we would need drivers.
 - ii. How do we promote open driver opportunities?
 1. **Thomas LaPaglia** - will reach out to contacts about possible drivers
 - iii. We need to set a budget to offer such transportation resources to the community such as:
 1. Vehicle
 2. Drivers
 3. Someone to coordinate calls

4. Volunteers
5. Insurance
6. Gasoline, etc.

7. **Other Business:** What Marketing efforts are available and effective in notifying and reaching our residents?
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Voices
 - c. New Haven Register

8. **Our Agenda for January 26, 2017** – we will continue to discuss the transportation needs and how we best utilize the town’s current resources to answer those needs. Request funding from town for Transportation. Suzanne will invite Mary McNelis to come and update us on the programs and services offered at the Community Center.

9. **Public comment:** None

10. A motion was made Sandra and 2nd Betty to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard J. Luby, Secretary