

MINUTES

Livable Communities Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Karen Baker, Stephan Behuniak, Saundra Gesek, Thomas LaPaglia, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, and Suzanne Reilly.

Member(s) Absent: Bonnie Wilkes and Rich Luby

Others present: Mary McNelis (7:25 pm) Director of Community Services

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Suzanne @ 7:00 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 December 22, 2016 Minutes and 2nd by Tom. Motion Carried. **Abstained:** Karen, Stephan.
5. **Members' comments:** Suzanne spoke about getting Valley Transit to attend a future meeting to present local transportation options. We spoke about using available town cars for getting people to doctor's appointments, pharmacy, etc.
6. **New business:** Mary McNelis presented a Community Services update utilizing 2016 Fiscal 6 months' data. Registrations by Age; Registrations by program and departments and a list of new programs in the last six months and those planned in the next six months as well as the Seymour Public Library Usage and programs. Transportation Services were presented and there was further discussion on how we can partner with the town to obtain volunteers to assist with the medical transportation rides. Several Committee members themselves and their acquaintances have expressed interest in volunteering and utilizing available town vehicles. We understand that the volunteers would need to be interviewed and have background checks done, and some training provided. We'd also need the Community services staff to assist with facilitating the scheduling of rides. Mary was to contact the First Selectman to discuss the feasibility of this endeavor. Committee members expressed how vital it is to help get the word out regarding the programs and services offered in our community.
7. **Next Meeting:** February 23, 2017 Mary McNelis Community Service will contact Suzanne on results of transportation partnership discussed at this meeting.
8. A motion was made by Karen, 2nd Stephan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, **Saundra Gesek**