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Livable Communities Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 4/25/18
TIME: 3:45pm
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Members Present: Karen Baker, Saundra Gesek, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Jennifer Saksa and Suzanne Reilly.

Member(s) Absent: Thomas LaPaglia

Guest: Mary McNelis, Seymour Community Services Director

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Suzanne @ 7:02pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public comment:** no public comment.
4. A **Motion** was made by Karen to approve the January 25, 2018 meeting Minutes and 2nd by Betty. Motion Carried.
5. **Presentation by: Mary McNelis, Seymour Community Services Director**

Mary McNelis shared a Community Services Update - 2017 Year in Review data as part of the Elderly Services Report:

Total registrations - 5042 up from 2568 in 2016

Registrations by age 55-70 increase to 2433 from 1001
age 80+ increased to 746 from 426 last year.

Total Registrations by Category – nearly doubled in every category related to seniors

Sports, Fitness & Activities (Adult) – 1195 from 466

Day & Overnight Trips 742 from 472

Senior Lunches 740 from 327 (offered once per month – keeps the price affordable; limited to 75 per day due to fire marshal regulations.)

Health, /wellness & Educational Seminars 279 from 42

Total Membership – Senior Center 399 vs 260 last year.

New this year- Fitness Center 176

Pool memberships declined in part for the availability of the pool.

Transportation – (Total Residents Transported)

Shopping 574 vs 554

Rec Trips 508 vs 88

Senior Center Trips 359 vs 193

Bingo 23 vs 24

Doctor's appointment 11 vs 4

Church 64 vs 156 last year (not currently being offered)

Food bank 16 (not offered last year)

Founder's day 21 vs. 46.

Challenges – Facility upkeep, communication to residents and staffing.

New in 2018: Senior Fit, Senior Strong, Bocce Court Refurbished, Community Garden,

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Introduction of a CIT program at Summer Camp, and Continued Focus on Expansion of Adult & Senior Programming.

6. **Members' comments:** Suzanne shared information about TEAM's Men Who Cook event on April 21; an Advance Care Planning, Caregiver Series at Griffin Hospital on Thursday, April 19 at 5:15 pm; and that there is a Retirement party planned for Dian Stroman on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Please contact Suzanne for more info.
7. **New business:** Suzanne shared an invite from Rory Burke from the town to attend a session by Tom Hennick, of the CT FOIA Commission, who will be coming to Seymour Middle School on Thursday, March 29th at 6:30 to present an informational meeting on the CT Freedom of Information Act. All are welcome to attend.
8. **Old business:** no old business.
9. The **Agenda** for Thursday, April 26, 2018 meeting.
10. **Public comment:** None
11. **A motion** was made by Karen 2nd by Sandra to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, **Suzanne Reilly, Chairperson**