

MINUTES
Livable Communities Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

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Members Present: Saundra Gesek, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Jennifer Saksa, Thomas LaPaglia and Suzanne Reilly.

Member(s) Absent: Karen Baker

Guest: Jackie Mahony, Seymour Resident

1. Suzanne called the meeting to order @ 7:04 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public comment:** Jackie introduced herself to the committee members and they introduced themselves. She is currently a student, works full time and has a 4-year-old son. She has an interest in getting more involved in her community that she resides and wanted to learn more about our Livable Communities work.
4. A **Motion** was made by Betty to approve the August 23, 2018 meeting Minutes and 2nd by Jennifer. One abstention. Motion Carried.
5. **Members' comments:** Suzanne shared that Karen Baker has formally resigned via letter to First Selectman Kurt Miller effective September 22, 2018 so that she could spend time with her husband. Suzanne regretfully accepted her resignation, commented that we are grateful for her dedicated involvement, and valued contributions to the Committee's work.
6. **New business:** Suzanne shared an email received from Seymour Resident Joe Luciano, Sr. who offered his services to educate committee members on ADA requirements - "ADA ed" (what businesses need to know and do.) the committee members agreed that we could schedule Joe to present to us either in November or December if he is available.

The Seymour Community Services 2018 Fall/Winter Programs brochure was shared with the group. The Valley Senior Services Council Emergency Preparedness Workshop at the Seymour Senior Center on Thursday, September 13 was a huge success – 47 community members attended and received an Emergency Kit made possible by a Mini Grant from the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. Seymour's Emergency Preparedness Team members gave an excellent presentation and made us proud to be a Seymour resident. All the participants and the 10 senior services providers from our area received positive feedback.

Suzanne noted that the Seymour Town Guide (Voices 2018) did not mention nor list the Livable Communities Committee meeting schedule.

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7. **Old business:** Food Insecurity, food banks and the continued needs for transportation were discussed. It was mentioned that individuals have been seen carrying groceries long distances, the issue may be that these are not seniors therefore there may be an additional gap in services for those lacking transportation in a younger age group. Also mentioned is the communication barriers individuals may experience, i.e. Polish population.
8. The **Agenda** for Thursday, October 25, 2018 meeting.
9. **Public comment:** None
10. A **motion** made by Sandra 2nd by Tom to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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