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Livable Communities Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Flaherty Room

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

1. Suzanne called the meeting to order @ 7:08 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public comment: none
4. A Motion was made by Sandra to approve the April 25, 2019 meeting Minutes and 2nd by Tom, Motion Carried.
5. Members' comments: Suzanne shared a copy of the New Haven Register Article by James Walker: Bound? A Senior With Disabilities Heads West, published on 9:05 pm Tuesday, April 16, 2019, that had been forwarded to her by Joseph Luciano, who had lived in Seymour for eight years and reflecting on some of the difficulties that people with disabilities encounter with getting around and leading a normal life,
6. New business: Some of the committee members received correspondence from Karen Baker, a prior committee member and Seymour resident who has had to frequently use the train boarding in Seymour and her concerns with the platform not being handicap accessible which has proven to be problematic for her. There is a high step which is challenging when using a cane and carrying bags and a pocketbook and no one has offered assistance. Betty recommended that a letter be sent to the First Selectman to inform him of the current issue and inquire whether we can have some town support in contacting Metro North to address the platform problem.

The Cultural and Arts Commission had been actively promoting upcoming events.
7. Old business: None
8. The Agenda for Thursday, June 27, 2019 meeting. Suzanne will contact Mark Pandolfi, Valley Transit District Executive Director to see if he or one of his staff would be willing to speak to our group at a future meeting. The committee agreed to meet at their facility in Derby if it's more convenient as a field trip.
9. Public comment: None
10. A motion made by Jennifer, and seconded by Betty to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Reilly, Chairperson