

## MINUTES

### Livable Communities Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Valley Transit District Offices

**Members Present:** Jennifer Behuniak, Sandra Gesek, Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Suzanne Reilly.

**Absent:** Thomas LaPaglia

1. Suzanne called the meeting to order @ 6:18 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 October 24, 2019 meeting Minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra. Motion carried.
5. **Presentation by Mark Pandolfi, the VTD Executive Director** – Mark welcomed us to his offices and the \$9 million-dollar newer facility. He asked if we would help to promote the availability of Valley Transit services to the Seymour Community to increase ridership of the residents. There is a \$7,500 Municipal Grant program applied for by VTD on behalf of the town earmarked for Seymour and funds may be matched to support the provided public transportation, doubling their investment. There is a fleet of 14 passenger vehicles that have up to 3 wheelchairs accessibility available. Rides are available to all age groups of the general public, there are also ADA rides and for those over 60 years of age the one-way cost is \$3.50 and Work rides for \$4.50. Calls should be made to VTD dispatch to request a ride they have a promise window of ½ hour but often can arrive within 5 minutes of the scheduled time. The Hours are 6 am to 6 pm. Monday through Friday. They are looking to extend hours to Saturdays, but need State and Federal approval. They would also like to expand services to the evenings if funding becomes available. They'd offer prepaid booklets of 10 passes for \$28.00. In effort to share the availability Suzanne will ask if we can post information in the new newsletter about the available services.
6. **Members comments:** Suzanne mentioned that Bonnie confirmed that the WPCA will provide a senior discount of 15% discount for anyone over 65 years of age.
7. **New business:** Reminder: the flyer was given out at the last meeting for TEAM's Housing Forum to be held on January 16, 2020 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am at Villa Bianca, Seymour.
8. **Old business:** Suzanne reported that she hasn't heard any news from First Selectman Kurt Miller regarding our concerns regarding the Seymour Train Station.
9. Prepared the **Agenda for Thursday, December 19, 2019** meeting.
10. **Public comment:** None
11. **A motion was made** by Betty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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