

**MINUTES**  
**Livable Communities Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

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TIME: 4:50 P.M.  
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**Members Present:** Karen Baker, Saundra Gesek, Thomas LaPaglia Elizabeth (Betty) Musto, Jennifer Saksa and Suzanne Reilly.

**Member(s) Absent:** N/A

1. Suzanne called the meeting to order @ 7:05pm.
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 April 26, 2018 meeting Minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty. Motion Carried.
5. **Members' comments:** Suzanne Reported that TEAM provided the 120 Callahan House and Norman Ray House residents with a hot meal on Thursday and Friday of last week since they were without power after the tornado. A special thanks to Teila Cheever who helped to coordinate and ensure that every resident received the meal. Robert Newton reported at the Commission on Aging meeting that the Community Emergency Response Team Shelter at the Middle School served 75 individuals during the power outages after the storm.

Saundra shared that Charter Revision Committee may invite the Livable Communities Committee leadership/members to a future meeting. She also mentioned that the potential merger of several town committees – the Recreation Commission, the Commission on Aging and the Parks Commission does not seem to be favorable at this time.

A copy of the Seymour Community Services Spring/Summer Guide was available for review.

6. **New business:** Suzanne reported that at the Commission on Aging meeting she heard they are working to put in a walking path around the entire field that should be available by the summer months and will be open until dusk, daily. Haines is donating the materials needed. There will be ample parking and a Couch to 5K program will be offered. In addition, noteworthy that at the Seymour Community Center will be a site for the Grow your Own, Neighborhood Garden Program in collaboration with the Valley United Way. The neighborhood community gardens to help food insecure residents obtain fresh fruit and vegetables to supplement what they are currently getting from the food pantries. The Program called "Grow Your Own" started three years ago and at that time consisted of plants, soil and tools provided to Valley residents in need for backyard and container gardening. This free program offers not only the resources to create a garden but also training on nutrition, cooking, and canning. The hope is that Valley residents will be able to preserve the fresh food year-round.

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There was a question regarding Veterans Services offerings at the Senior Center, as listed in the Program Guide and if anyone knew about what is offered.

7. **Old business:** no old business.
8. The **Agenda** for Thursday, June 28, 2018 meeting.
9. **Public comment:** None
10. A **motion** was made by Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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