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Livable Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm Seymour Town Hall - Flaherty Room

Members Present: Jennifer Behuniak, Saundra Gesek, Betty Musto, Suzanne Reilly & Thomas Lapaglia

- 1. Suzanne called the meeting to order @ 7:15 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Public comment: None present
- 4. Approval of the July 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes: Betty made a motion to approve the July 24, 2025, meeting minutes which was seconded by Saundra. Motion carried.
- 5. Member Updates:
 - 1. Social Participation
 - 2. Respect & Social Inclusion
 - 3. Communication & Information

<u>Suzanne</u>: 688 members at the senior center. adding over a hundred new members over this time September 2024.

The group is looking at additional dates to meet and continue calls to seniors disengaged from the senior center.

Suzanne shares a Valley Community Foundation 'Aging in Place in the Valley: Challenges, Barriers, & Opportunities' on November 19, 2025 at 4:30PM. The group has a discussion around needing support with basic household tasks that older adults can find challenging. Suzanne also brought up home safety visits for older adults as well. Suzanne also shared struggles with parking at the Community Center with the new Town staff member assigned parking spots. She will share this challenge at the meeting.

Suzanne shares that the food bank is now open extended hours- afternoons & one night during the week and on the weekends. The entire food bank has been redesigned. There are triple the amount of people being served since last year.

6. New Business:

Tom LaPaglia announces he is resigning from the board as of 9/26/2025. He is submitting his letter to the First Selectwomen. Suzanne reads the letter and thanks Tom for his almost 10 years of service to the committee.

7. Prepared the Agenda for Thursday, October 23, 2025 meeting.

Report on goals- create some action items for the coming months.

- 8. Public comment: None present.
- 9. Tom made a motion to adjourn, and Saundra seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Behuniak, Secretary