

The Livable Communities Committee has been discussing measures of a Livable Community. We have some preliminary recommendations as a result of our discussion, observations, and informal needs assessment.

Transportation

- The handicapped parking space by the train station (closest spot to train kiosk) should be moved. When a vehicle is parked there, it prevents ready access to the train platform by an individual with mobility issues. (As an aside, this spot is regularly occupied by a business owner in town.)
- Both the local signage and the town website should be more detailed in parking information. Posted information should include instructions for parking for Metro-North riders as well as visitors and shoppers.
- Increase secure bike racks in downtown areas-more bicyclists will decrease cars downtown.
- The need for increased use of the senior van was discussed. The recommendation is to increase the hours used and also explore possibilities of using the van in other ways when it is not needed for transportation (i.e. bookmobile.) The committee felt that transportation is needed for all ages and funding opportunities should be explored to obtain additional vehicles. The grants coordinator for the town will be invited to a future meeting.

Parks

Committee members visited all parks and took inventory of services/amenities at each location. The committee recommends the town website be updated to include:

- Multiple pictures of facilities at each park
- What facilities are available at each park (restrooms, fields, swings, etc.)
- Directions and maps (detailing interior of parks)