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Board members change at SVTC



Ruth Heden, seated, accepts a certificate of appreciation from SVTC Board Members Jim Belanger, Dennie Townsend, Janet Langdell, Marcia Nelson, Ellen Groh and Carolyn Mitchell.

Milford, NH – At a recent meeting of the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC), board members regretfully accepted the resignation of Ruth Heden as the SVTC’s at-large member. Although Ms. Heden remains a strong proponent of local community transportation efforts, she has decided to focus her energies on this year’s elections and a bid for a seat in the State House of Representatives from District 6 which includes Milford and Amherst. Hollis resident, Stan Swerchesky was unanimously elected to fill the at-large position on the board of directors and has been an active volunteer with SVTC for several months.

Speaking on behalf of the SVTC Board of Directors, Janet Langdell, chairperson, said, “Ruth is one of the founding members of SVTC, the organization that implemented the Souhegan Valley Rides bus service. We will all miss her generosity of spirit but are excited to welcome Stan Swerchesky to join the board.”

Souhegan Valley Rides is the local community supported dial-a-ride type bus service available to residents of Milford, Brookline, Hollis and Amherst. Rides are available within the four towns and to or from Nashua for health and social service related appointments and for limited shopping at four local plazas. SVTC subcontracts with the Nashua Transit System to provide the buses, drivers and call center services. In its first year of operation Souhegan Valley Rides provided 984 rides to area residents. So far in its second year, the service has seen a nearly 35% increase in use of the bus service having provided 1323 rides between October 1st 2009 and July 31st 2010.

For more information about the bus service or if you would like to explore volunteer opportunities with SVTC, please contact Janet Langdell or Marcia Nelson at Info@SouheganRides.org or 603-673-8482, or visit www.SouheganRides.org.