

TOWN OF JAY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, JULY 3, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Kathy Connolly, Lynn Ladieu, Wally Walters, and Robin Licari

ABSENT: Sue Pagano, George McCabe, Maddie Savage and Ellie Reid

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Programs involved in the Town of Jay have been listed in the Human Services Committee Meeting Notes of June 2025. George McCabe will be attending the monthly Essex County Housing Task Force meeting. The Habitat for Humanity presentation Shelly McKinly went well and 17 people in attended and 13 people volunteered and one family applied. Three people have contacted Robin for applications. Robin has obtained information regarding the various NYS mortgage assistance programs.

BLIGHT WITHIN THE TOWN: Robin met John Smith. John is collecting metal in the Town of Black Brook, on Route 9N outside of Au Sable Forks after the Northline building. There are large dumpsters that can be seen from the road.

John Dudley Construction (518-514-8576) has advertised in the JCN and will do junk removal at the cost of \$150 for a truck, \$200 for a trailer and \$300 for both. William Oimette will go to people's homes to collect metal and his phone number is 518-524-3702. Lynn states that Darrah's also provides dumpsters. Wally states that Clinton County Waste Facility also collects metal and other household items. It appears that Town of Jay residents (who are willing and able to pay) have access to waste removal. Members talk about difficulties getting this information to the residents and propose many ideas to publicize including Jay Community News, adding the information to the Supervisor's quarterly report, and asking the Adirondack Enterprise to add the category of Transfer Stations and Recycling Centers to their Community Resource Guide for 2026. Robin is waiting to hear back from DEC regarding Hazardous Waste Collection Grant. Robin has posted on JCN and on various billboards in Town the Tire Collection and Hazardous Waste Days. She has attempted to list Transfer Stations and Recycling Centers on JCN without success.

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE: Mercy Care volunteer training is now complete. Robin has contacted Lynn Miller, Care Coordinator of the Au Sable Health Center – UVM with information about how to access transportation to medical visits.

Robin and Matt have attended visits with Angie Allen, Essex County DSS Coordinator and Terri Morse from Essex County Behavior Health. Robin complained to Ms. Allen regarding the unreliability of Medicaid transportation. Ms. Allen states that they are aware of the increasing problem since NYS took over Medicaid Transportation. Ms. Allen gives information regarding how to make a formal complaint and encourages

Robin to do so because County DSS would like Medicaid Transportation referred back to the County as the County has been more reliable in the past. Robin gave information about how Au Sable Health Care Coordinator can make a formal complaint regarding unreliable Medicaid transport.

CHILD CARE AND DAY CARE: Robin received information regarding DSS subsidies for Child Care and Day Care. ACAP center for Child Care and Day Care is far away and not an option for Town of Jay residents. AVCS has been providing some of the Child Care and Day Care at no charge to the Town of Jay residents.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Robin talks about her visit with Terri Morse from Essex County Behavioral Health. Robin shares the Credible Mind poster and program. The Credible Mind program is an online program that provides information regarding various substance abuse and mental health issues or just information regarding coping with issues and problems that occur in everyday life. Robin has posted Credible Mind poster on the JCN. Robin reads the letter of support and encouragement from Terri Morse to the Human Services Committee. Robin talks about the QPR program and members believe this is an interesting approach to the serious issue of Suicide Prevention. Members are interested in providing an information seminar with the QPR program in late September when school students and professionals can participate. Members are also interested in sponsoring the Mental Health First Aid program through the Essex County Mental Health in the end of October.

YOUTH AND RECREATION: Au Sable Free Library has obtained a Grant for a Creative Writing Workshop by Brian Heinz on July 15th and July 22nd. Robin will publicize in JCN and post around Town. TOJ HSC will recommend to various Arts and Culture groups that the groups specifically state which programs would be of interest to teens in their advertisements.

FOOD BANK: Robin states that it is possible to open a food bank with the collaboration of the Town of Jay and a local Church that is willing to sponsor the program with their 501c3. Apparently, the small Town of Jay Food Shelf has met the requirement of being open for longer than 6 months and the St. James Episcopal Church has the requirement of the 501c3. Robin states Town Board will vote if they will support a Food Bank in Town and would be willing to give their donations, shelving, food to the Food Bank. Lynn states that Ms. Gil who is the director of the Jay/Wilmington Ecumenical Food Bank is willing to give advice and recommendations regarding setting up and running the Food Bank. Ms. Gil states that they have received their 501c3 sponsorship from the Wilmington Methodist Church and the minister is the Executive Director but is not involved in the day to day operations of the Food Bank. Ms. Gil states that she does do

some drop-offs to people in the Jay Community but cannot expand this service to meet this need in Jay. Robin reads to Committee What a Food Bank Provides.

Wally talks about Comprehensive Planning Special Board and how they have developed a second survey and encourages everyone to distribute and participate. He states the second survey must be filled out by August 15th and shows where members can get the QR code to the site.

NEXT MEETING: August 7th at 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT