



TOWN OF JAY

Human Services Committee

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MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JAY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – APRIL 2, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Robin Licari, Lynn Ladieu, Kathy Connelly, Wally Walters and Matt Stanley

BLIGHT WITHIN THE TOWN: Kathy is updating Transfer Stations and Recycling Center information for the year 2026. Matt talks about the upcoming Amnesty Day on May 15th for the Town of Jay residents where residents can bring items that are usual for a spring cleaning. Amnesty Day is for Town of Jay residents only and does not include local businesses. Essex Soil and Conservation is providing a container in the Town of Jay for the collection of tires. Matt will be posting information and flyers regarding Amnesty Day on the Jay Community News and Town website. Essex County Hazardous Waste Days will not include the Town of Jay because the Town of Jay does not have a transfer station. There will be County Hazardous Waste collection days in Lake Placid, Elizabeth Town/Lewis and Ticonderoga/Schroon lake areas. Hazardous waste days will be July 18th and July 25th. Kathy talks about all the items that can be recycled at Ward Lumber including paint (and now dry paint) and batteries (including rechargeable batteries). Kathy also talks about Staples Awards Program. Robin has reached out to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise again requesting their 2026 Community Research Guide. There has been no response.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Lynn has reached out to Clinton County Transportation Director and Kathy has talked with Doreen Abrahamson, Essex County Transportation Director. Doreen will be doing a survey during April to determine usage of bus transportation. She states that they do not have money for a bus enclosure but will keep a look out for a used enclosure. Event buses are available free of charge if the event is on a County Route. The Town will have to maintain the structure. Kathy contacts the Town Clerk of Chesterfield. Town Clerk states that their bus enclosure was donated by a business. Matt states that riders can use the Gazebo during the summer and can wait inside TOPS during the winter. Matt is concerned about the amount of space an enclosure will use in the parking lot. Matt will have bus schedules available at the Town Community Center. Committee members agree that this topic will be set aside at this time and that due diligence was done.

HEALTH CARE: There are now 5 trained volunteers in the Town of Jay for Mercy Care of the Adirondacks providing services to Seniors wanting to remain in their homes.

CHILD CARE/DAY CARE: There are two Child Care Centers, one in Keeseville and one in Keene. 90% of childcare is done by unregistered individuals.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Robin gives the route of the Vivid Life 5K Fun/Run. The Race will be on June 6th with registration at 9:00 and the race will begin at 10:00. JEMS is giving access to the Amos and Julia Ward theatre and to their WIFI for this event. Robin will publicize this event as soon as she receives the flyer. Robin will be asking local businesses for gift cards, free pizza and there will be an ice cream truck. Matt states there has been Town Board approval of this event. He has received the insurance information needed. He asks Robin to fill out the facility use form. Jim Dugan from the County DPW has to write a resolution because the race involves crossing a county road. Matt gave him Robin's email and will forward the letter to Robin. Robin talks about how she is trying to include an education session about what to do if a person thinks another is contemplating hurting themselves. Committee members suggest inclusion of DSS, WIC, Behavioral Health, Public Health. Wally suggests placing an informational flyer in bags given out at this event. Committee members question if the race path is truly 5K. Kathy Connelly states she will run this path and



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report back the distance. Robin has committed to finding 15 Volunteers and Wally suggests contacting the schools for student volunteers.

YOUTH AND RECREATION: The Au Sable Arts Council has asked Gabrielle Schults from the Upper Jay Arts Center to organize a Junior Jam for the Arts in the Forks event on Labor Day weekend. Gabrielle agrees to organize this event. The event will take place on the Community Center lawns going up to the library. Kathy asks Matt if there is a marching band for the Fourth of July parade. Matt believes that there is a Marching Band. This Fourth of July, the organizers of the parade and the organizers of the Christmas in the Forks will collaborate and organize the parade together. Lynn talks about how there should be more community events utilizing the Community Center. Matt agrees and suggests winter events. Robin talks about the competition from other organizations holding events.

FOOD PANTRY: St. James Episcopal Church Ecumenical Food Pantry has become a partner of the Regional Food Bank of the Northeast. The Food Pantry can begin ordering free food from the USDA. They have to apply for a HPNAP grant through the NYS Department of Health to buy additional food from the Regional Food Bank. Money from this grant would not be available until June. First pick up of an order will be April 13th. Robin talks about the requirement that they must supplement 3 days of food. Robin talks about how the Food Pantry has been able to provide quality food.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE: Lynn asks Matt if he has made a complaint with the FCC. Lynn states she has put in an informal complaint as an individual. The same day that she submitted a complaint, a Verizon representative contacted her. Wally states that the current state standard does not stipulate that cell phone coverage must be available for emergencies. Matt reminds Committee members that Verizon is a for profit company and as long as people are paying for their service, Verizon is not going to do much. Matt questions if he can make a formal complaint with the FCC because the Town would be acting as a 3rd party. Matt will look into the possibility of filing a formal complaint with the FCC. Wally states that the APA is willing to approve the building of cell phone towers in the Adirondack Park.

VOLUNTEERISM: Wally states that Beth Rowland from the Jay Community News has agreed to connecting volunteers to volunteer opportunities.

SENIOR HOUSNG: Robin recommends Senior Housing in the Hamlet of Au Sable Forks. She talks about how Seniors contribute financially and often volunteer in the community. Seniors who have lost their spouses or no longer want to take care of their homes are often interested in Senior Housing. Robin states that although there are people who have moved into this community with money, this remains a low-income area and people are being stressed by the increase in housing costs and the cost of living. Matt agrees with the need for Senior Housing and states that land would have to be found and a developer.

ADJOURNMENT: