# **St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging (OFA)**

# **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

# **June 10, 2024**

**Meeting called to order:** 10:00 AM by Linda Wilkinson, Chairperson

**Present:** *(voting members)* Roger Bennett, Larry Denesha, Barb McBurnie, Linda Wilkinson, Russ Backus, Matt Manierre, Kathy Skelly, Gary Berk, Joan Howlett

**Present:** *(non-voting members):* Jacob Kormanyos, Chiara Delosh, Andrea Montgomery, Michael Boprey

**Absent:** Mary Jones, Carly Zimmerman,

**Public Attending:** None

**Meeting Location:** HSC

**♦Introductions** –Meeting brought to order by L. Wilkinson. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection. Welcome and introductions.

**♦Guest Speaker** – None

**♦Public Comment** – None.

♦**Approval/Minutes** – motion to approve minutes by R. Bennett, seconded by R. Backus, all in favor. Motion passed.

♦**Correspondence** – Sent card to Brenda’s family.

**♦Old Business**– None.

**♦New Business** – None

**County Legislator’s Report** – *(Larry Denesha)* May Public Health gave report on Lyme and Tick disease and how serious it can be if you are bitten by a tick. Seek medical attention if you are bitten by a tick. Resolution passed to make 5/15 Peace Officer Memorial Day. Urge people to say thank you. There has been 11 NH closures StateWide since 2020. Public Hearing on local law wireless communications surcharge. St. Lawrence County is 1 of 2 counties in NY State that doesn’t have surcharge.

**Public Health Report** – *(Carly Zimmerman)* None.

**County Council of Senior Citizens Report** – *(Linda Wilkinson)* Will be having meeting about Senior Picnic. It will be August 15 in Gouverneur. Announcement will be in Mature Living.

**StateWide Senior Action Council Report** – *(Barb McBurnie)* Seniorama is 7/22. Zoom registration for 6/26 meeting to discuss concerns about the future of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other safety net programs and to make some action plans. Annual Convention will be October 21, 22, 23 in Saratoga Springs. Seniorama raises money to pay for members to go to this convention. Looking for advocacy. Needs Andrea to introduce her to Jefferson OFA Director.

**Veterans Services Report** – *(Mike Boprey)* VA has identify NH needs. Added advance caregiver program. VA will contract local HHC provider. Enroll in VA healthcare. Class Action deadline is in August for Camp Lejeune.

**Members Updates** – None

**Office for the Aging Report** – *(Andrea Montgomery)*

* Packing List for Life’s Journey with Hospice
* May is Older Americans month. Senior Citizen of the Year winners are Marlene & Lee Carvel
* Medicare 101 Presentations
* Pride Festival
* 6/22 Juneteenth Festival 4-8 pm
* Went to Heuvelton School Health Fair
* Staff at ACCU right now
* July Shine workshops at Potsdam & Canton nutrition sites. Will have information in Mature Living.
* Farmer Market Coupons
* Seniorama
* Robotic Pets
* Health Promotion coming up.
* Community Volunteer Friendship Program is partnering with the nutrition sites to make them a true Senior Center. Each site has games.
* 2025 budget season due 6/21. Increase in food cost is making it a very expensive year. Increase demand in home services. Most local homecare agencies have the aides.

**♦Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by B. McBurnie, seconded by R. Backus, all in favor. R. Bennett adjourned meeting.

**♦Next Meeting** – Monday, September 9th, 2024 at 10AM

*(Electronic Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Chiara Delosh)*