

## St. Lawrence County Public Transit Task Force

Minutes for Thursday April 18, 2019

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM by Frank Doldo with 12 attendees present. All were welcomed and introductions were made by all.

### Members Present

Michele Catlin, Pat Hand, Rachel LaPoint, Felicia Dumas, Christine Richardson, Raymond Babowicz, Alexa Goolden, Jay Ulrich, Klaus Proemm, Patty Seelig, Sam Purington, Sue Rose and Frank Doldo.

### Previous Month Minutes

March's minutes were handed out for review. Motion made by Ray Babowicz and seconded by Michele Catlin. All in favor, motion carried.

### Old Business

- Last month's meeting Reverend Mike Catanzaro from the Canton Presbyterian Church expressed concerns and issues that he wanted addressed. Frank has a meeting with the Mayor Mike Dalton, Village Superintendent Brien Hallahan, Village Trustee Klaus Proemm and Police Chief James Santimaw next Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> to talk about the Reverend's concerns. Frank was advised by Albany to contact the Regional NYSDOT and he received the information that he needs for the upcoming meeting for discussion.
- Since March 25<sup>th</sup> Frank has been spending a lot of time at various bus stop locations watching traffic patterns, where people are going and where people are parking. Also checking that the buses are leaving at the allotted times and doing what they are supposed to be doing. Frank will be making some recommendations at the village

meeting and submit them to the planning department. The planning department will make the final decision. Frank will share those recommendations in next month's meeting.

- Update on the coordinated plan for the Massena Intra-City Shuttle- Frank and Matilda Larson gave a presentation to the County Legislator sub-committee a couple of weeks ago. It was unanimously approved and moved forward to full board. Matilda is 97% percent done with the edits and the additions from the feedback that they received. Frank is expecting it to be fully approved in the May meeting. Then it will be sent on to NYSDOT for review.
- Frank is waiting for letters of support from Akwesasne and Franklin County legislators. Then the application should be complete to forward it to Administrative Judge for NYSDOT for approval.
- When approval is given – a bus run will be done again. Frank found out that the public buses cannot stop at the schools. Alternative sites have been found.

### New Business

- Clarkson University and SUNY Canton are slated to start running and be public routes for August 2019.
- Courtney Bish - Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students at SUNY Canton. College connector service is still in the works for the colleges to meet Walmart in Potsdam to be a hub for these students to make the connecting buses to get from one college to another.

- Keith Zimmerman has made contact with St. Lawrence University to start talks about doing transportation needs with them. Hoping to get this started in the Fall of 2020.
- Frank met with the Gouverneur Village Board recently because they had some concerns about some improper communication they received. Frank answered their questions that they had and gave them data. He's hoping to get some bus stop signs up to make it safer for passengers and the buses.
- Jerome James from Health Initiative gave a presentation about Unite Us program through the Adirondack Wellness Connections. Connecting people to referrals and care management that are using Medicaid services. It has a tracking form so that people shouldn't fall through the "cracks". Clients can also sign themselves up for services. This service also includes transportation needs.

Complaints/Concerns:     None reported

Floor opened for comments and announcements.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn by Klaus Proemm and seconded by Felicia Dumas at 2:17 PM.