

# ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE

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## Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2023

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.** Fred Hanss, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

**Members Present:** Andrea Montgomery; Chris Nyman; Jim O’Neill; Amy Plumadore; John Tenbusch; Courtney Toms. Matilda Larson attended as staff. *A quorum WAS NOT established.*

**Others Present:** Amy Casiuk; Katie Geidel; P.J. Herne; Sally Santangelo, CNY Fair Housing; Pamela Weed-Nichols, NYS Attorney General’s Office – Watertown; Mike Zagrobelny.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** The agenda was accepted by consensus.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, May 26, August 25, and November 17, 2022.** Due to lack of quorum, the Minutes of the May, August and November meetings could not be approved.
4. **Old Business.** None.
5. **New Business.**
  - a. Fair Housing Webinar, April 2023. Matilda reported that Sally Santangelo and staff from CNY Fair Housing have proposed to conduct a training session on Fair Housing topics at some point during April, which is observed in St. Lawrence County as Fair Housing Month.
    1. Matilda reported that for the past 20 years, the FH Task Force has asked the Board of Legislators to approve a resolution declaring April to be Fair Housing Month.
      - Mike Zagrobelny suggested the resolution declaring Fair Housing Month could be shared with the SLC Mayors Association.
      - Mike also suggested that a speaker from the FHTF might make a presentation on FH issues to a future meeting of the Mayors Association (May mtg?).
        - o Sally Santangelo volunteered to make a presentation to the Mayors Association.
    2. Sally Santangelo suggested several possible topics; Matilda asked for ideas.
      - Katie Geidel suggested that training on landlord-tenant issues would be beneficial.
      - John Tenbusch agreed, based on discussion held at the FHTF public sessions in Fall, 2022.

- Tenbusch suggested that recent data on the housing market might be beneficial for landlords to hear. Geidel will send recent market data to Tenbusch.
- Santangelo proposed that training for landlords on recent changes in NYS law would be beneficial. She suggested extra-ordinary outreach be directed at landlords to maximize their participation.
- Larson noted that there is a Landlord Association in Massena, while Potsdam maintains a landlord registry. She suggested that additional outreach be directed at these groups.

**6. Reports.**

**7. Announcements.**

**8. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Tenbusch*

Planner II