



DANBY NEWS

PLAYING WITH FLOWERS IN THE PARK

CALLING ALL FLOWER LOVERS! Come to the Flower Arranging workshop in Dotson Park on Sunday, September 14, 2pm. Participants gather around the stone table under the pavilion and let creativity flow through the beauty of flowers. You can take part, or just come and watch.

This late-summer flower workshop has been a big hit in previous years. Julie Clougherty is pleased to offer it again as part of the wide range of programming offered by Danby Community and Park. Last year's variety of arrangements was spectacular. Come see what happens this year!

Flowers and other plant materials will be provided, some from Julie's Okalee Farm. More flowers will be resourced from other growers. Participants are welcome to bring any flowers, seed-pods, grasses, etc. that catch your eye! Wildflowers and garden flowers are all welcome. Tools and vases will be available.

Space is limited, and the workshop will be held outside. Julie needs to know how much material to bring so, if you're interested, please RSVP to [okalee.farm@gmail.com]. She will send last minute details to participants, including any needed changes due to weather.

A suggested donation of \$5-10 per participant will help cover costs for this workshop. There will also be a donation jar, where participants can support future community programming in Dotson Park. Together, we share beauty and joy. 🌸 (pg)

MUSIC IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

DANBY COMMUNITY AND PARK'S final *Music in the Park* happens on Sunday September 21, 2pm. The August event—finally, with good weather—was well-attended.

Play a tune, sing a song, or just listen. We don't aim for perfect performances. No registration, just show up with your friends and family!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE(S)

PLAN TO JOIN the Danby Community in Dotson Park for its 10th not-quite-annual Harvest Festival. First there was COVID and then, last year, we were rained out. We're not going to let that happen this year. In case the gub-mint weather control fails, we have a rain date in the plan.

Save the date(s): **Saturday, October 11, 1-5pm** (if it rains on Saturday, then Sunday, October 12)(and if it rains on Sunday, too, we'll make an announcement about Monday, Columbus Day (a.k.a. Indigenous People's Day, Fraternal Day, Native American Day, Discoverer's Day, American Indian Heritage Day, Dia de la Raza, Commonwealth Cultural Day, and Yorktown Victory Day).

Of course, the weather this year will be crisp and colorful.

There's a lot to celebrate. Apples, pumpkins, autumn leaves. The beauty of Danby and its people. And, most especially, a bright future for the Park. The Harvest Festival is sponsored by the newly renamed Danby Community and Park.

There's lots of time-honored favorite activities and some new ones during this family event. The Harvest Festival's centerpiece is its pumpkin-throwing trebuchet (and its diminutive sidekick, the potato launcher). Bring a pumpkin (6-8" diameter, maximum) or bring your cull potatoes and other small vegetables (2" maximum) for launching.

We'll have carefully tended fire for roasting hot dogs (meat and vegetarian), for marshmallows for s'mores, and for Danby-ite to sing around as the sun gets lower in the west.

There will be activities for children of all ages, including face painting and exploring the natural beauty of the Park.

Lloyd's Boys will bring banjo and fiddle tunes and some old-time songs to the park. When they're not playing, you can ask about their instruments and the history of their music.

Dotson Park, at 1825 Danby Road, is the recreation centerpiece of Downtown Danby. It features a Natural Playground, a Pavilion sheltered by a hyperbolic paraboloid roof, a Disc Golf course, and miles of trails. You can find more information at [dotsonpark.org]. In-person and online donations are accepted to help preserve the park and provide resources for future improvement.

Join us in the park for a fine Autumn Afternoon. 🌸 (dcap)

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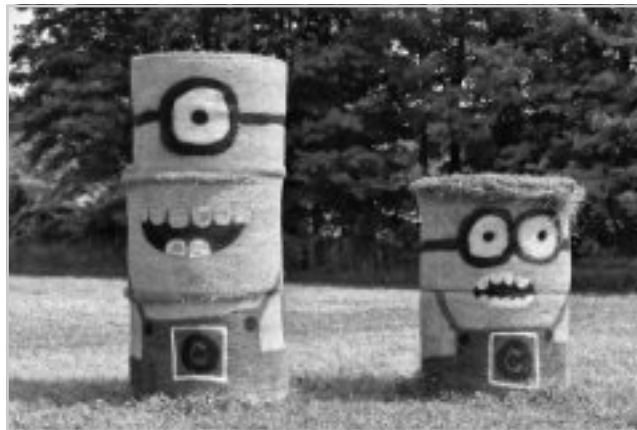
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**Minions On The Loose**

This summer's hay bale art delights us all. The old Sczepanski farm—the only remaining large-scale, family-run, crop-growing farm in Danby—has had a display for several years running.

To quote the late, great Gould Colman, *Danby's biggest agricultural crop...is building lots.*

—photo by Ted Crane

DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@danbycc.org] or find them at [danbynyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the

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You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to include it; generally, we print everything we receive! You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. (tc)

COOKING FOR ABUNDANCE

OUR AREA IS FORTUNATE to have several CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farms that provide a wide range of fruits and vegetables. Even if you have a small garden, it can be worth “having a share” of a variety of less usual crops. Each week can be a new adventure with the potential of wonderful flavor combinations.

Last year, we discovered a salsa made with Tomatillos and Peaches. It is best eaten fresh but can also be canned for winter enjoyment.

TOMATILLO-PEACH SALSA

Ingredients

- 6-8 tomatillos, husked
- 1 large peach (not too ripe, so it can be chopped)
- ½ onion, thinly sliced, red onion adds color
- 2 jalapeños or other hot peppers
- 2 Tbsp cilantro leaves, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp lime juice,
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- ¼ tsp salt

Method

Chop tomatillo and peach. Cut onion.

Mince peppers, cilantro, garlic.

Combine all ingredients.

Refrigerate.

Optional

Quantities of peppers, salt, cilantro, garlic, lime juice: adjust to taste. 🍴 (pg)

If you look for recipes online, most will instruct you to roast or broil the ingredients before chopping everything together. This will make a delicious but somewhat mild salsa. If you like more of the crunch and tang of raw tomatillos, try chopping everything fresh. It's less juicy that way, as well.

If you like a smoother salsa, try blending 1/3 to 1/2 of the mixture. A touch of salt and splashes of lime

juice help the peaches keep their color and give the salsa a satisfying zing. Simple, elegant, and delicious. 🍴 (pg)

[Keep this salsa under lock and key.

If you don't, it'll just vanish when you're not looking. - (tc)]

WEST DANBY FLUSHING!

THE WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT will be flushing hydrants on September 8 (north side) and September 9 (south side). 🍴

Punchlines from delicatessen jokes. Do you know the setups?

(1) Quietly, please, sir, everyone else will want one!

(2) Quietly, please, sir, he thinks we taught him English!

(3) Ahah!

HARVEST SHARE TABLE

IS YOUR GARDEN'S PRODUCTION in overdrive? Here is a new way to share in your garden's bounty—drop off your extra veggies at the Harvest Share Table, located by the clothes donation bin at Danby's Community Church. The table's bounty is free for everyone—you do not have to drop off anything to take some vegetables home. The goal is to have more neighbors with access to fresh vegetables.

The stand was built by Barb Neal of Curtis Road. She has built several other share tables, now located in Tioga County where she was the Agriculture and Horticulture agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension

before she retired. The share tables have been a great success in that county, which now boasts at least six share tables.

So if you would like a home-grown vegetable for your dinner, stop by Danby's Community Church and see what is on the Harvest Share Table!

Gardeners note: Please share vegetables that can stand up to the heat—lettuce is too likely to wilt unless you bring some in water or moist paper towels. Squash, cukes, tomatoes, potatoes, onions and the like are great to share on the Harvest Share Table. 🍴 (bn)



RECYCLING UPDATE

Recycling Center Closures

Monday, September 1: closed, collection one day late

October 13: office closed, center open

November 11: office closed, center open

Want to get rid of something tricky?

Visit [recycletompkins.org/whatdoidowith].

Want to get rid of something hazardous?

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off, Saturdays, October 18 and November 15. Appointment required. 🍴

NOISE LAW LOOMS LARGE

Bottom line: the Town has published a draft Noise Law and it's important that Danby residents review it and comment in writing or verbally.

Find it at [danby.ny.gov/noise-law-draft-version-4/].

AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA for the 18-August meeting read, Propose Enacting Guy Krogh Draft of a Noise Law? Anticipating the discussion, I asked two questions during the Privilege Of The Floor opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting. (1) Why was the Noise Law process dropped for two years and (2) Why is it coming up again, now?

The Town Board's 25-minute discussion began with a brief summary of the origin of this version of a Noise Law. After opening the subject with, *On to an easy topic now*, the Supervisor explained why the process had been dropped and summarized the origin of this draft.

The reason this got dropped, it's hard to believe it's already been 2 years. Warren Cross was charged with coming up with something. We had gotten to the point where it was sim...we thought it was as simple as possible and asked Guy [the Town's Attorney] to draft something, and which is what this is. It didn't look anything like what we thought it was going to when we gave him the simple thing we wanted it to be. So the group kind of recoiled.

The Supervisor addressed the second question with, *Why now? Well, a couple of reasons. One, there are at least two board members here whose turn done in December who thought that it might be nice in the course of their four years on the board that they actually dealt with this issue because they thought it was important.*

Another member chimed in, *Yes, we have heard over the over these years, 'Why aren't you doing this?' and we also have heard from people, 'Don't ever do it.'*

A third added, *There have been noise issues raised since that time, especially more recently.*

Two items were not mentioned in these answers. Two years ago, the Noise Law was an issue during one of Danby's rare contested elections. During the intervening two years, when the Noise Law was touched on during a meeting, one Town Board member would advocate against public involvement in the process, referring to the emotionally charged public response to the issue.

I told a joke on Zoom the other day.
Nobody laughed. I'm not even remotely funny.

Based on a cursory reading of the proposed law (added to the agenda shortly before the meeting), I also offered two P-O-F criticisms of the proposed law. (1) The physical standard for acceptable noise—90dB—is too high; it is a level far beyond disturbing the peace, it can cause hearing loss and (2) A property owner is liable for penalties, even they are not the person making the noise.

The Supervisor acknowledged both concerns. Most of ten minutes of talk centered around his experience as a landlord. *It's a concern of those of us who are landlords. Um, that we, as a landlord, are responsible for our tenants' behavior when we don't have a whole hell of a lot of control over it.*

Open For Public Comment

Danby's residents could be forgiven for not knowing about it, but Town Board members also seemed unsure, saying, variously,

- *This has been out for two years for public discussion. If anybody has read it at all over the two years, and before, there's been no change.*
- *Did we did we get much feedback on it? I don't remember. I don't think we formally proposed it.*
- *There was a public hearing on it. Wasn't there? That was a humongous number of people here yelling and screaming.*
- *Well, we had we had public comments, but it was not on this draft.*
- *The previous drafts were never formally proposed but we did solicit public comment, and boy, did we get it.*
- *Does that stop anybody who's known about the Noise Law from looking it up and commenting about it, with all the comments?*
- *Good luck trying to find it. Until today, I couldn't find it.*

Well, gentle readers, the ball is in your court.

The proposed law is not too lengthy but, like other documents prepared by the Town's Attorney, it may include language drawn other municipality's laws...whose relevance to Danby isn't always clear.

As one Town Board member said, *So the first thing that comes to my mind is that I noticed that, uh, mining activity is exempted from the noise law, and I feel like, if we're going to exempt mining, but not music, that's insane to me.*

After all, the current incarnation of the "Noise Fuss" is all about complaints regarding loud music events. 🦉 (tc)

There's a giant blob of incredibly hot rock beneath New Hampshire. The Northern Appalachian Anomaly, or NAA, sits about 124 miles below the state. It is on course for New York and will arrive in about 15 million years.
We'll leave the light on. Seriously, you can't make this stuff up!

DANBY RESILIENCE FAIR

DANBY COMMUNITY MEMBERS are taking initiative, pushing their sleeves up, and building resilience together. We have some great ideas and projects in the works. The most relevant is our up-and-coming Danby Resilience Fair, and you are invited to join us!

Stop in to the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, 1780 Danby Road, on Saturday, September 6, 10am-5pm for our first (maybe annual) Resilience Fair. You may discover something that inspires you, learn something new, or find yourself daring to imagine a more resilient, connected future here in Danby. This event is an opportunity to enjoy presenters, music, food, and activities. Learn more about local organizations.

Presentations will include: leather care, DIY solar energy options, DIY rain harvesting, supporting fruit and nut trees, low-tek mushroom cultivation, weaving on a loom, how to teach children to read, regenerating your soil, and growing the ReUse economy through collaboration. There will be a watercolor workshop for children of all ages, and a cooperative games session.

Neighbors are showing up and are pleased to provide a balance of music and space for restoration and relaxation. There are engaging activities for you to enjoy throughout the day. Between 4pm and 5pm, we'll gather for a community sing along, a fitting resolution for our community fair!

Danby Food & Drink will sell drinks and snacks, and Juicy's Shanty Food Truck will be on site with delicious

food. The final schedule and more details can be found on Danby Food & Drink's events page: [\[danbyfoodanddrink.com/events\]](http://danbyfoodanddrink.com/events).

If you have questions or to join our community resilience meetings, contact Andrea, [\[hazard42@gmail.com\]](mailto:hazard42@gmail.com) or Eric, [\[brew_bird@yahoo.com\]](mailto:brew_bird@yahoo.com). 🐦 (ecb)

"Them that can will. Them that can't will talk about it."

—Tom Dorrance, Horse Whisperer

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

TOMPKINS COUNTY'S Department of Assessment says that it is the only true Countywide Assessing unit in New York State. It is committed to treating all properties fairly and equitably.

Important Dates

September 1 - Rural School District Tax Bills Sent

September 30 - Rural School Taxes Due

October 1 - ICSD Tax Bills Sent

October 31 - ICSD Taxes Due

Important Move

In the near future, the Assessment Department will move from downtown on East Buffalo Street to a temporary location in Lansing, beyond the airport.

Surely TCAT will add more bus trips but, until it does, the current schedule says there is exactly one bus trip (Route 37) that'll get you out there and back on the same day; you'll have about 20 minutes to walk to the office, do business, and get back to the bus stop.

It's less than half a mile each way from the bus stop. 🐦

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DANBY RESILIENCE FAIR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2025
10 AM TO 5 PM

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REMINISCING #36

I DECIDED to take some past information from September 30, 2010 and September 27, 2012 to share in this Reminisce #37 column.

From 2010:

In late summer, we attended the West Danby Picnic to honor Roy Casterline and Carol Szczepanski for the many years of service they have given to their communities. Roy, along with wife Mary, ran the West Danby Water District for 40 years; Carol Szczepanski served as Danby's Town Clerk for 20 years. Both Roy and Carol were given framed certificates of appreciation.

At South Hill Elementary School, Colleen Ledley replaced the retiring Rae Covey as Principal. Ms. Ledley had 21 years as a classroom teacher at both Ithaca High School and Dewitt Middle School.

I was interested in the concept of Ithaca Freeskool, so I wrote to Lily Gershon, Freeskool organizer, to get some information. Freeskool isn't an actual space or school in a traditional sense. It's a group of people who organize free classes which often take place in public spaces or people's homes. Community members from all over are encouraged to teach classes, so the locations vary from class to class. Lily tells me that some White Hawk Village residents will be leading a few classes this fall, with the first being a "Sunflower Oil Workshop" facilitated by Laura Woinoski in early October.

From 2012:

Charlie Bruce was a heck of a ballplayer. He was a handsome man with a great laugh. Charlie was well-known and well-liked in the Danby community, including within the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. Charlie passed away last

week and my thoughts were with his family at that sad time. Thoughts also go out to the family of long-time Danby neighbor Joan Babbitt who passed away last week in Florida. Many years ago Joan served as Danby Town Clerk.

Marv Eastman wrote to tell me that members of American Legion Post #221 on Danby Road have been very busy this summer. They have completed work on the pavilion, put a new roof on the building and changed the look of the front entrance with a new door and steps, and are now gearing up for the fall/winter season that kicks off on October 6 at the post with the first steak dinner, held from 5:30-7pm. Everyone is welcome. [2025: *Steak Dinners on September 6 and October 4*]

Miss Sophia Patt was the winner for her "made from scratch" butterscotch pie in the children's category at the recent Bald Hill Pie Contest held at Jennings Pond. This event had grown under the direction of Jean and John Rowley and has evolved into a yearly neighborhood gathering of the folks who make their homes on the Bald Hill Road in Danby. Sophia, an 11-year-old sixth grader at the new Waldorf School on Nelson Road, learned to bake from her Mom, Mary, and from a friend named Judy. This was Sophia's first attempt at pie making, since her specialty has been cakes and pancakes, especially Mickey Mouse pancakes for her family on Sunday mornings! The winner in the adult category was David Studwell, a professional actor (he appeared in "Titanic" at the Hangar Theater) who baked what is called a Drupey Pie, made from sour cherries, peaches and apricots. Check it out at Drupey Pie Recipe. [2025: *the Bald Hill Picnic and Pie Contest is on September 13*]

And the Huddle family was counting down the days to our daughter Kasey's wedding in early October, 2012 to her sweetie, Kyron Spada.

🍷 (gh)

SENIORS UPDATE

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 4. We will play Bingo following the meal, with Ted Merritt calling the numbers.

Please bring a generous dish to pass and a serving spoon...and your own place settings. Drinks will be provided.

Looking ahead to the October 2 meeting, we will have a speaker from the organization *Love Living at Home*. More on this organization will be in the October *Danby News*.

A sign-up sheet for the Christmas Luncheon on December 4 will be available during the September meeting.

As always, the meetings are open to any seniors over 55 years old.

🍷 (pp)

RURAL CEMETERY BBQ

AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN you may be thinking about one last chicken barbecue. This is your chance!

The Eagles Club on Cecil B. Malone Drive in Ithaca is holding a barbecue to benefit the Danby Rural Cemetery on Saturday, September 6, starting at Noon. Join us and enjoy a delicious meal for \$12. Our thanks to Tammy Lopez, who reserved the spot for us.

🍷 (sb)

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity.
I'm not sure about the universe.

—Albert Einstein

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANOTHER SUMMER VANISHED like magic! Hope you squeezed in some awesome reads on your adventures. Swing by our school book display to get the kid-dos stoked for the new year!

Requested books have been purchased to complete some of our series, as well as other popular books:

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AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

STEAK DINNERS with all the trimmings! Visit the American Legion Post 221, 1231 Danby Road, for a satisfying meal.

The Post is offering dinners on Saturdays, September 6 and October 4, 4:30pm until gone. Prix fixe, \$18. ☞ (jb)

ELECTED BUILDING INSPECTORS?

DANBY'S TOWN BOARD IS RESPONDING, in its own way, to complaints about derelict buildings and trash in front yards.

During an August meeting, a report from Danby's professional Code Officer was discussed. As a first step toward enforcement, the C.O. had been asked to investigate several houses badly in need of repair. Notably, the house next to Town Hall, easily seen by drivers on NYS Rt.96B.

The document being discussed was not available to the public, as might be suggested by *NYS Open Meetings Law*.

The discussion indicated that the document contained more than just the C.O.'s report. It sounded as though the document also included candidates for Town action, personally scouted out by one or more Town Board members.

These elected officials—not trained professionals—began by verbalizing locations like, “The house on Bald Hill

Road with plastic over the windows.” Eventually, at least one owner was named *during a public meeting*.

The recording of the discussion is available online.

There's nothing wrong with anyone observing the state of local structures from the road. Similarly, complaints about immediate neighbors are accepted by the Code Officer.

On the other hand, it might be impolite for anyone to air comments *on the public record* about homes observed during random drive-bys.

In this day and age, it seems intrusive for elected officials to take it on themselves to initiate enforcement actions. It was uncomfortable to hear this discussion, a bit too much like a local version of Washington, DC.

In defense of what might seem to be an unfortunate crossing of a line, one Town Board member did suggest that certain residents could benefit from housing rehabilitation grants available thru the Town. That said, it was not at all clear that that was the incentive for the impromptu inspection tour. ☞ (tc)

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A old container of paprika never goes bad.

The color never fades

and nobody knows what it tastes like, anyway.

DANBY NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Sep 3 • Wed

5pm 🏠 WD Fire Station • West Danby Water District

Sep 4 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • Seniors Meeting

Sep 6 • Sat

9:15am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

10am-5pm 🏠 DVFC Station

Danby Resilience Fair

Sep 8 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting

Sep 8 • Mon

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting

7pm 🏠 WDFD Station • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Sep 9 • Tue

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting

7pm 🏠 Zoom • Conservation Advisory Council

Sep 11 • Thu

2pm 🏠 Zoom • Regulatory Review

Sep 14 • Sat

2pm 🏠 Dotson Park Hypar Pavilion

Flower Arranging Workshop

Sep 16 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Town Hall+Zoom • Planning Board Meeting

Sep 18 • Thu

4pm 🏠 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

Sep 21 • Sun

2pm 🏠 Dotson Park Hypar Pavilion

Park Songs Community Sing (and music)

Sep 22 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting

Sep 23 • Tue

6:30pm 🏠 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Mtg

7pm 🏠 Town Hall+Zoom • Board of Zoning Appeals

Oct 1 • Wed

5pm 🏠 WD Fire Station • West Danby Water District

Oct 2 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • Seniors Meeting

Oct 4 • Sat

9:15am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Oct 6 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting

Oct 10 • Sat (rain: Sunday)

1-5pm 🏠 Dotson Park

10th Annual Harvest Festival

Oct 13 • Mon

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting

7pm 🏠 WDFD Station • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Ongoing Events

Seniors Strength Class 🏠 via Zoom

Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30–10:30am

Contact [jmchurch@twcny.rr.com] for Zoom link

Danby Community Library 🏠 Town Hall

Tuesday, 1–3pm; Thursday & Saturday, 10am–Noon

Books can be returned via the outdoor drop box.

Food Scrap Recycling 🏠 Town Hall 🔄🔄🔄🔄

Saturdays, 9am–Noon

AA Meeting 🏠 via Zoom: [zoom.us/j/8209358263]

Wednesdays, 7pm

Where Things Happen

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 DVFC Station • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 WDFD Station • 47 Sylvan Drive, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 Dotson Park • 1825 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road

Meeting	Date	Zoom MtgID	Passcode
Town Board	Sep 8	882 2697 6101	905098
CAC	Sep9	835 4940 5296	879507
Youth Commission	Sep 11	See Town web site	
Planning Board	Sep 16	893 3897 1114	956288
Town Board	Sep 22	847 9505 5187	308958
Zoning Appeals	Sep 23	Unknown?	None?
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			

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