

TOWN OF DANBY
 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: December 2015

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	Value	Fee
New Residential Construction		
Renovations/Other		
Gunderman Road: 20 X 30 Garage	20,000.	72.
West Danby Road: 30 X 28.8 Garage	25,000.	86.40
Danby Road: 2 Car Garage	34,700.	92.40
MONTH TOTALS	79,700.	250.80
YTD TOTALS	3,989,631.99	6963.80
PREVIOUS YTD TOTALS	7,227,143.	16,484.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Curtis Road: 7.5 Kw roof mount PV
 Nelson Road: Convert garage to living space
 Nelson Road: 10 X 15 Addition
 Buttermilk Lane: Kitchen Renovation
 Hornbrook Road: New Roof

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

Complaints and Violations – The house next door to the Town Hall has been condemned, and the owner has been notified that the junk and storage moved onto the property since April is in violation of the State Property Maintenance Code and our Maintenance of Real Property Law.

Solar RFP – We have now sent out 8 RFPs for the Solar array at Highway. I am guessing next week we will have some site visits. I met with Joe Petricola about the land swap. Joe is trying to create at least one buildable lot alongside the Highway driveway, which explains some of his generosity. We are still getting a great deal. I am meeting with Jean Foley from the DEC on Wednesday about the wetlands to the west of the driveway to see if Joe can get enough land to build on.

Code Trainings – Paul is set to start Code trainings in Jan. There is one 3-day Code training each month through June.

Holidays are Over and It's now Winter – CJ just told me it's 6.6 degrees (it's 4:00on Jan. 4).

Cabinets in the Town Hall Entry – Are we ready to order cabinets so we can install them in February?

NYSEG REV Demonstration Project – The idea is for NYSEG to become a hub for renewable energy. When I spoke to Sara Culotta about the 2 year project, she explained that the idea is to collect information from communities and other agencies about what is important for NYSEG to promote; residential, commercial, and community solar, distributed wind, weatherization, smart thermostats and appliances. Also, as a central information source, clarify and streamline access to all the various programs already in place so that they are accessible to all.

SAVINGS FROM SOLAR – We did a comparison of our energy usage expense for 2012 (the last full year without solar panels and 2015. It looks like we are saving about \$825/yr. with our leased solar panels. It has been suggested to change from NYSEG Solutions to NYSEG for further savings. It cuts out the middle guy, and administrative costs. We essentially produce what we use so any savings we might have gotten for bought energy is quickly eaten up in administrative costs with NYSEG Solutions.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – The CAC mailed letters to 31 landowners who own large (50+ acre) parcels asking them to consider a conservation easement on their property. These parcels were prioritized in the preliminary Open Space Inventory prepared by former CAC member Jake Brenner. The CAC is conducting a natural resource inventory on Danby Rd on Saturday, January 9 to evaluate the parcel(s) suitability for a conservation easement, possibly to be held by the Town.

PLANNING BOARD – The Planning Board passed a resolution on December 17th recommending the draft PDZ 10 rezoning request with modifications. A full report to the Town Board will be available in advance of the January 18 Town Board meeting.

TRAILS – Tompkins County Parks and Trails Network (TCPATN) is building a comprehensive, user-friendly website that will promote recreational trails within Tompkins County used for hiking, biking, skiing and sightseeing. We have submitted information to them to be included on the website and I am attending quarterly meetings to help support the process. More info is available at <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/news/legislature-accepts-tompkins-priority-trails-strategy>.

ADMIN – The development application form and the agricultural data statement presented to the Town Board for review on December 21 are now officially in use. The forms will also be available on the Town's website once the Digital Towpath upgrades are complete and we can access the admin portal. The 2016 Planning & Zoning Work Plan will also be available in advance of the January 18th Town Board meeting.