

TOWN OF DANBY
 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: January 2016

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	Value	Fee
New Residential Construction	252,502.	625.
Troy Road: 2 Family Dwelling		
Renovations/Other		
Comfort Road: 30 X 40 Pole Barn	30,300.	120.
MONTH TOTALS	282,502.	770.
YTD TOTALS	362,202.	1020.80
PREVIOUS YTD TOTALS	263,541.	640.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE
 None

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

Complaints and Violations - The owner of 1840 Danby Road has been in touch with our office. He has raised the question of the Town purchasing the property. This question is now on the Town Board meeting agenda for Feb. 8th. We will continue to pursue the owner violations and condemned building as if we were not considering purchase. The Hornbrook Road property will be back in court in February.

Solar at Highway – At this point we have received 1 proposal for installation of solar panels on Highway property for the rest of the Town’s electrical usage. It is estimated we would save approx. \$2000. in our first year after installing the solar panels. This is in addition to the \$825/year we save with the Town Hall solar panels. Joe Petricola has agreed to the boundaries for the land swap and has contacted TG Miller. Apparently, the pins are in place for a speedy survey.

Danby Beautification (and traffic calming) – Chris Gardner will be giving a presentation to the Town at the March 14th Board meeting about money available for Town beautification. This dovetails nicely with conversations I have had with the State DOT about traffic calming through landscape design.

Regrading Highway Grounds – Recently, there was an event at The Town Highway Facilities that strongly argues for the need to regrade around the Highway Buildings. Water was found in the utility room, and was pushing up through the electrical conduit through which the

sevice wire entered the building. During the rainstorm preceding this event there was standing water by the side of the building on the inside of the “L” that is formed by the two wings of the buildings. The area where highway workers park their cars while at work adjacent to where this water was pooled is a good 2 feet above the slabs inside the building. This has been an ongoing issue that highway has addressed by sandbags around the base of this side of the building. This is at best a temporary solution. The entire perimeter should be regraded so that the water moves away from the building instead of towards it a good 12’ from the building, and redirected away to the low spot on the property.

Planning & Zoning Research – I assisted several property owners with questions about what by-right building could be done on their parcels as well as a Unique Natural Area designation question. The County has begun to contact property owners with UNA designations on their properties to be sure they understand the extent of the delicate flora and fauna that may be also living on their property; we provided maps as well as copies of the site inventories. Worked with Pam to evaluate the parcel delineation on Sand Band Rd and W King Rd parcels. Assisted Ed Kokkelenberg at the West Danby Fire District with an AFG grant application for a Quick Attack Brush Truck. Assisted former BZA applicant with potential rehearing, which was denied by the Board. Pulled Special Permits information for property owners from the laserfiche archives. Responded to requests for information, and located such information, on the West Danby Water District plans in relation to NYS Town Law and NYS GML requirements.

Development applications – I provided one of our new development applications to the potential former Danby Market redevelopment applicants and assisted with questions about that process.

Rezoning request – Mailed letter of intent to declare lead agency for the PDZ 10 rezoning request to interested agencies. Began preparation of SEQRA FEAF Part 2 for the environmental review process.

Planning Board – The former Danby Market had a sketch plan review at January’s meeting. This is an informal pre-submission conference between the Board, the applicant, and the public.

CAC – I staffed the January CAC meeting to let them know I would do my best to make progress on a Natural Resources Inventory that needs to be compiled for the Town, and that I’d let them know how they could help out. I also assisted with preparing maps for the parcel(s) suitability analysis for a conservation easement, possibly to be held by the Town.

Administrative – Completed the draft Planning & Zoning Work Plan for 2016. Worked with SCT Computers to get ArcGIS to function properly with the Windows 10 upgrade. Corresponded with Tompkins County IT Department about building permit management software upgrade, a follow-up action after I attended the Local Government Innovation conference in Albany in November; more details to follow on this shortly. Contacted Danby Fire about assisting with Danby Fun Day tourism grant application; they are working on it at present but have asked me to stay tuned for notices from the Fun Day planning committee.

Land Use – Began draft subdivision regulations analysis to support current request by Planning Board to amend the existing regulations to delineate minor and major subdivisions.