

**Danby Community Council**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**  
February 2, 2012 - Danby Town Hall

**Present:** Cathleen Banford, Bob Chase, Julie Clougherty, Ted Crane, Pat Curran, Carol Miller, Christel Trutmann  
**Guest:** Amie Hendrix – Director of Tompkins County Youth Services

**New Officer Elections** were moved to item 1 on the agenda.

For President: Bob nominated Christel, seconded by Pat. Christel suggested that Ted be nominated. Ted declined, saying it would appear to be a conflict of interest. Christel was elected unanimously. She'll send meeting notices and the agenda to Board members.

For Vice President: Pat said she'd rather not be nominated. Christel nominated Ted, seconded by Julie. He was elected unanimously.

For Treasurer: Christel nominated Bob Chase, seconded by Pat. He was elected unanimously.

For Secretary: Ted nominated Julie, seconded by Pat. She was elected unanimously. Minutes will be kept on file here at the Town Hall. Outgoing Secretary Christel will give previous minutes to the Town Clerk to file.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the annual meeting are not presented until the following annual meeting. Ted moved, seconded by Pat, to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2011 and the January 26 post-annual meetings. Motion passed.

**Agenda:** There were no additions.

**Announcements:** Carol and Pat will not be at the next meeting.

**Youth Programs:** Amie announced that Julie Kulik will present her annual report at the next meeting, and she reported one highlight: more Danby youth were served this past year than ever before. She also noted that having a Danby resident in the position has been a positive thing due to all of her networking and outreach. A budget for the 2011 Danby Youth Program was handed out, with projections for 2012. The contract amount for this year is projected to be \$19,999.00. Annie said that youth program managers' benefits are paid for by the state via CCE, and noted that they have not had a raise in three years (the base full-time salary is \$24,000).

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is waiting for a number from the Town so they'll know what is needed to employ Julie half-time. Funding from the county has been reduced, so we need to decide our priorities: youth employments and Primitive Pursuits. There was some discussion. Julie proposed the idea that parents be asked to chip in for Primitive Pursuits to help stretch the funds, as she is one and would be willing to do so.

Ted proposed that we support P.P. for now, and worry about funding the youth program later. The next step is to sign a contract between the DCC and the CCE. All agreed.

Amie announced that Danby, Caroline, and Enfield youth program managers have been discussing working together, and will start attending each others' meetings in the near future.

**Town Sign:** The sign in front of the fire station on Danby Road is owned by the DCC, and announcements on it were formerly done by Walter Reimers. That is no longer the case, and due to criticism on its content, the new volunteer felt it necessary to quit. New guidelines for sign content were approved at the December 2011 meeting, and sign messages are now being done by members of one of Julie Kulik's Danby Youth Programs. Ted noted a shortage of punctuation marks and asked if he could purchase some. Pat moved to approve the purchase of up to 30 pieces. Christel seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob passed out copies of the DCC 2011 budget, and said the Town had written a check for the 2012 budget based on it. (\$18,500). There is no budget written for 2012.

**Organizations:** Pat reported that the **West Danby Food Bank** benefit dinner was a success. She thanked Ted for his help, and noted there was great food and music. About 40-50 people attended, and they raised about \$500.

Julie reported that the **Park Association** is working on plans for 2012 activities, is still in debt of about \$40,000, and has a matching grant with the state of NY for almost half a million dollars that has not gone to contract yet.

**Committees:** Ted reported that printing and postage prices have gone up. He said we order 1450 copies (960 for bulk mail, 490 for address labels) from Arnold Printing, who gives us the overrun, but that won't cut it anymore. Pat asked if people could be asked to receive it by Email, but Ted said that would only make a difference for people who are not bulk mail recipients. He'll ask for volunteers from that group to switch to Email.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

**Next meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.**

Minutes submitted by Julie Clougherty