

MINUTES

Danby Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 7 2016, 7:00 pm

Board Members present: Alison Christie (Pres.), Julie Clougherty (Treas.), Gould Colman (VP), Ted Crane (ex officio, non-voting), Bill Evans (Secr.), Susan Franklin, Katharine Hunter, Danny Wheeler

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Eric Banford

Welcome & Announcements

Fife & drum? Danny notes that it would be great to have music with the service during the Civil War event.

Minutes

Gould moved March 3, 2016 minutes for discussion and all approved.

Event Follow-up

Bluebird House Building. March 12 (1-4 pm). Eight adults and two kids attended and about 15 bird boxes were built.

Grady Girls. March 13 (3pm). Their third year in a row. ~150 attended. Alison reiterates how lucky we are to have them come during the short St. Paddy's Day period.

Alternatives Tax Assistance in Town Hall. March 19 (10am-2pm). Susan reports that there were five appointments and it all worked very well. Finished by 1PM. Not much food eaten, except by Brian Zapf, the ACFU facilitator. Alison had conversation with Brian and he thought that three stations could be accommodated with enough privacy. Alison had reached out to the seniors. She reports that Brian is interested in doing it next year.

Upcoming Events

Physics Bus. April 16. Alison will bring snacks.

Civil War Living History. June 25-26. Update: Danny has arranged for an unmounted cavalry unit and one confederate soldier to participate. Also, we now have a canon!

Event Planning

Permaculture class proposal. Eric Banford presented an overview of a permaculture class they are hoping to establish in the Town, using the Town Hall for some sessions as well as DCC insurance. Idea is for folks to learn about how to implement a permaculture design for their land; hoping it snowballs into a community. One suggestion has been to have the DCC sponsor

the class (\$90 each for six classes) and then participants would pay a sliding scale and that money would be contributed back to the DCC.

12 sessions (6 at Town Hall; 6 at their home). Aiming to have 8 persons per class; 2 sessions per month; 6 months). Originally hoped to start in spring but now aiming for September.

Allison has concerns about having it structured as a free program – people might take it as seriously. She suggests perhaps structuring it as a scholarship – would highlight the value of the project for the community. Susan concurs, noting that it involves soil quality. Alison notes that it involves food production, which also adds value to the community. Susan suggests perhaps just having a public presentation and then have the classes at the Banford home. Gould suggests Eric put together a 2-page proposal. Alison suggests Eric think about giving a presentation on permaculture to the Danby community this summer.

Oboe concert w/piano accompaniment. Bob has organized it for one of two dates (May 22 or June 12). After discussion it was reiterated that Jun 12 would work best.

Bluebird nest monitoring program. Alison discussed the plan. Next step is to get the boxes up – need to communicate with Park about locations of nests. Need to keep nests away from frisbie activity.

Danby Breeding Bird Count. June 12 (daybreak to lunchtime). Supporting efforts to inventory the wildlife of Danby.

Youth Employment Night. Beth Bannister was looking to host an information session on a Wednesday (or Tuesday) in April. Alison was thinking Travis could attend. Date to be determined.

Alison suggested an author book signing and reading.

The possibility of a bike repair session this summer is discussed briefly.

Bill reviews natural history series planning: Danby Moth Night, July 1st. Bees, August 6. Additional topics include rocks & meteorites, butterflies and caterpillars, GMO chestnut trees.

Bill brings up the matter of thank you cards. Discussion ensues. Gould moves that Bill come up with a design; Danny seconds. Alison will bring a sample for next meeting.

Governance

Nothing to report

Updates

Jennings Pond Project (film). The producer can't come and present an update to the DCC in May but June is a possibility.

School Visit.

Timing has not worked out yet.

Scholarships.

Susan reports that two scholarships were awarded to the same family for the second quarter.

DCC Sign Policy

Fire District members coming in May to discuss matter again with DCC. Gould would like to see a discussion on Fire Department relations for the next meeting.

Town of Danby Website

Has not been updated to include DCC members.

United Way Meeting

Alison discussed the United Way Partner's Meeting she chaired on February 11.

Youth Subcommittee

Meeting coming up. Alison has report from Shelley that she will reformat and send around.

Summer Hunger

Discussion on hunger in Danby during the summer when kids do not have school lunches.

Financial Reporting

Treasurer's Report

Postponed until next month.

Meeting Adjourned ~9:30pm

Quote from the meeting

"I can remember, because that is the day that Hitler committed suicide" - Gould

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans