

Minutes

DCC Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2016, 7 pm

Attending: Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty, Gould Colman, Ted Crane, Susan Franklin, Danny Wheeler

Absent: Bill Evans, H. Katharine Hunter

Guests: Wayne Westmiller, Joe Freedman, Hilary Lambert, Patricia Haines

Welcome & Announcements

Award to DCC from Sustainable Tompkins, DCC, Sign of Sustainability Award
5/15 is Kindness Connections at ICG Mental Health Folks, 1-4

Privilege of the Floor

Commissioners of the Fire District attended to update us on the DCC's sign at the Danby Fire Hall. They will be purchasing their own sign and have determined that it is not feasible to host their new sign and ours. Thus the DCC will need to find a new home for its sign at a date in the future as yet to be determined.

Jennings Pond Film Project. Hilary Lambert of Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and Patricia Haines Gooding, of Level Green Institute, are working with new Danbyite videographer/diver David O Brown on a project to make a video of Jennings Pond and following the two paths the water takes on its way to the ocean. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network is a partner.

Patricia helps folks get projects off the ground and would try to help facilitate this project. Grant proposal written to get it started. David's passion is water and film. He sees an import and a critical time to convey the importance of protecting the watersheds and that film is a powerful way to do this/

David wants to make a film with the Danby Community. He has several people who want to work with him. Patricia is grant writer. He is filming already. Will go in the water, too. He would like to make two-stage project with potential funding from NOAA to undertake the expanded story from the pond to the ocean with underwater footage. David would like to foster a community-supported project and start with a 15 minute film about Jennings Pond and its history through local stories and personal experiences. He is hoping for the DCC to be a named supporter/partner in the project.

Past Events

Physics Bus. Good attendance at Danby but not West Danby. Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy the Physics Bus in a leisurely fashion with their families. Many kids had been on the bus before and were excited to share it with their families. Ted wondered about having a spud gun for Harvest Fest.

Concert: Phil Shapiro & Carrie Shore. We had a nice turnout of mostly out of town folks. It was an enjoyable show.

Youth Employment Workshop. Our first youth employment workshop attracted a small but interested group of 3 youth and 3 parents.

Upcoming Events

Concert: Oboe. Alison will get snacks. Ted Open up. Julie get check to someone as she is away.

Civil War Encampment Living History. Danny reported on the women who would attend, the camp followers and the possibility on Saturday or Sunday to do a program telling about the women. He shared they had a great tent set up.

Alison will do a press release with Danny, Tuesday, 5/10 3:00 pm. Alison will contact Finger Lakes Fife & Drum about participating.

Danny needs 3 fence posts for the sign which we'd like to install 3 weeks before the event.

Sign Discussion

It was proposed perhaps we could have a solar sign lit by LEDs. We wondered if we should ask Kenny if we could install it at the park. Or perhaps the land bordering the park.

Future Events Brainstorm

Ideas. We discussed having a bike tune up workshop along with bicycle safety or talk on Lyme disease prevention.

Breeding Bird Count. Bill will provide an article for Ted with meet up information.

Danby Fun Day. Youth Booth: Travis. DCC Booth could be about the Jennings Pond film project. Parade: clothesline of Danby t-shirts?

Reports

Grant Reporting. Bob needs concert specifics for the grant we receive.

Bird houses. There are 6-8 to be installed. We have 10 posts. Install will happen in May. We will use a plumber's strap.

Danby School. A 6 x 8 or 8 x 12 closet space has been requested.

Scholarships. 6/15 is next date, 1Q – 1, 2Q – 2, 3Q – 1/1. [4 YTD]. Uncashed check from last year sent to a school program. We'll run the ad in June, too.

Community Café program. Susan attended a training for the trainers.

She has been to several cafes on a specific topic. To implement a program we would work with a couple folks at Co-op extension to fine tune questions and the logistics set up. Discussion could move from table to table. Summary of tables reporting at the end. Extension would work with DCC afterward to analyze the results. Action plan.

Potential Topics Brainstorm: Community Center, Post Office/Coffee shop, Coffee Drive through, Seniors Health/Access to events.

Finances

Julie updated on the taxes. Federal are done. State is completed and ready to go.

Votes

Minutes of April 2016 approved.

The DCC approved a resolution to be a named partner in the Jennings Pond film project(s).

Respectfully submitted, Alison Christie.