

MINUTES

Danby Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 2016, 7:00 pm

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

Board Members absent: Gould Colman (VP), Katharine Hunter

Others present: Tom Janda along with his & Julie's son Cole.

Welcome & Announcements

Ted discussed another chapter in dealing with the Post Office regarding the Danby Area News.

Cole discussed his Eagle Scout project where over the course of the next year he would organize a public health seminar involving three presenters. Topics might include Lyme disease, diabetes and high blood pressure. His proposal is for the DCC to be a sponsoring partner providing advisory support as well as the Town Hall venue.

Minutes

Danny moved to pass the August 4, 2016 Minutes and all approved.

Event Follow-up

Honey Bees – Great presentation by Peter Borst and David Hopkins. These guys have been studying honey bees for more than 40 years and their love for bees and beekeeping was delightfully evident. Dave brought bees as well as honey to sample – they also brought drinks and snacks to share. Alison thought the room could have been set up better to accommodate more people. ~65 attended, many of whom were from the Finger Lakes Beekeepers Club.

West Danby Picnic - Ted reported good food, badminton, and an excellent presentation. ~70 attended.

Events Scheduled

Spiders -- presentation by Linda Rayor. October, 29th 7pm at Town Hall.

Event Planning

Harvest Festival – Alison brought up the possibility of having the Cornell Raptor folks attend. Ted brought up the possibility of contacting Steve Selin regarding apple byproducts. Danny suggested having folks bring their creatively carved pumpkins. Bill will contact Dave Hopkins about selling honey. Alison thought it would be nice to have the bluebird boxes installed in time for the Festival (round poles needed). Ted mentioned contacting the Youth Farm and CSA to invite them to vend at the Festival. Julie mentioned that we need to remember to credit United Way as a sponsor. Tom expressed interest in doing the music again. Alison will call the food truck roundup. Julie and Cole will talk with the Boy Scouts.

Jennings Pond Film – Alison brought up the possibility of doing something at Jennings Pond to promote Dave Brown's film. All agreed it is too late this fall so we'll aim for the spring. In review, DCC has agreed to be a sponsoring partner for his project – a project which at this point revolves around the idea of making a film documentary of Jennings Pond and its connection with regional waterways.

Swimming lessons at Jennings Pond – Something to work on over the winter.

Fall Concerts – Pablo and pianist can't do fall. Alison was excited to announce that Jennie Sterns is a go, with a date still being worked out.

Local History – Alison noted that we have had local history events the past two years and it would be nice to continue. Ted brought up the idea of a photo roundup, with Danby folks contributing old photos from Danby.

Youth Program

Julie presented an update from Dave Sanders: three people have been interviewed for the Danby youth coordinator position and two are being reviewed further.

Financial Reporting

Julie gave an overview of the year to date and outstanding items. She noted we were not hitting any budget limits yet. She will be putting together a proposed 2017 budget. We should discuss further at the October, or have a special budget meeting. She is also working on the United Way report.

Susan reported on the Youth Grants, and there were still a few openings left.

Additional Discussion

Alison shared her idea to partner with the Park in using Park property to put up a really great sign, which would serve both the Town and the Park. Ted concurred that would be a great location, and all thought the initiative had great promise for solving the sign issue.

Meeting Adjourned ~10:00pm

Quote of the meeting: "Music is melody, play on play on!" – Susan's quick response after Julie prompted for a quote of the night.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans