

MINUTES
Danby Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday March 2 2017 7:00 pm

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

Board Members absent: Danny Wheeler

Others present: Leslie Connors, Janice Johnson, Dave Sanders

Welcome & Announcements

Alison welcomed members and guests, and reviewed the Agenda.

Julie noted that Cole Janda will be hosting the third of three health presentations for his Eagle Scout program on March 19 regarding high blood pressure and diabetes.

Youth Committee update

Janice Johnson, Coordinator for TC Community Youth Services, reviewed the situation in Danby –Danby is the only Town with a half-time youth program coordinator in TC rural youth services program. Others (e.g., Caroline & Enfield) have recently gone to a full-time coordinator. Dryden, Lansing, and Groton have had full-time coordinators for a long time. Danby has had high turnover with the half-time position after 2011 and the suggestion from TC Youth Services is that going to full-time would lead to longer tenures with associated more continuity.

Dave Sanders then reviewed the budget dynamics with going to full-time including the specifics of teaming with Newfield with an associated grant from the Park Foundation, and the youth employment program.

Discussion ensued on the possible full-time position among the members and with Danby Town Board member Leslie Connors. One of the points was what programs would fill the extra time. Alison and Julie mentioned the previously discussed idea of having kids do projects in the parks. Leslie mentioned the idea of having the kids interview seniors. There are lots of possibilities and plenty of good projects to fill extra time.

The question then turned to how many youth employment positions Danby will host and whether to join the city of Ithaca's Youth Employment Service program. On this topic, Ted suggested including the Jennings' Pond lifeguards in the Danby youth program.

Alison reviewed the proposal to support the efforts to fund a full-time position for Danby & Newfield, including asking the Town for extra funds. Julie moved and Susan seconded going forward with the proposal and all agreed.

Next step is to meet with Ric to discuss the project.

Minutes

Julie moved the February 2, 2016 Minutes. All approved as amended.

Event Follow-up

Toivo Finnish/Tex Mex, February 5 – all who attended agreed it was a good, magical show. An estimated 50 attended. \$62 in donations.

Upcoming Events

ACFU tax help, West Danby and “Upper” Danby, March 11 and 25 respectively. Susan will be hosting both events.

Grady Girls, March 19. Alison will be baking soda bread.

Cayuga Klezmer Kapelye, April 9.

Finger Lakes Mineral Club, May 15.

Elizabeth Shuhan flute concert, June 11.

Note: there was an issue at the library during Cole’s February presentation regarding tables. Apparently the librarians wanted use of the tables for an activity that day. Any future Saturday event that needs tables should check with the library to make sure they don’t need the main tables.

Event Planning

Discussion on the timing of the Danby Talent Show.

Bill is working with David Hopkins on the possibility of another bee presentation later in the year associated with the possible formation of a Danby pollinator club.

Updates

Birdhouse installation/Nestwatch – The Park has approved funding of metal conduit poles for the boxes. The installation will occur this spring. The boxes, which were built March 12, 2016, have been weathering in Bill’s yard.

Financial

Julie submitted the Treasurer’s Report for January-February 2017.

Meeting Adjourned ~10:10pm

Quote of night: “What’s wrong with that fly?” – Katharine

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans