

## **Danby Community Council Annual Report 2014**

### **Directors**

*President:* Ted Crane

*Vice President:* Maya Patt

*Treasurer:* Julie Clougherty

*Secretary:* J. Clougherty, then Katharine Hunter

*Director:* Alison Christie

*Director:* Cathleen Banford

*Director:* Gould Colman

### **Mission of the Danby Community Council**

1. To promote and support community welfare
2. To provide educational, social, and recreational programs and facilities
3. To publish community news
4. To assist in Town related activities
5. To coordinate requests for supporting funds from State, County and Service Agencies with the Danby Town Board

### **Administration and Funding**

- United Way grant funding; \$5050 grant awarded
- Community Arts Partnership funding; \$900 grant awarded
- Some financial resources raised via donations
- Remainder of funding provided by the Town of Danby
- Extremely low operational overhead: some office supplies, mandatory insurance policies. A lot of materials (and time) provided by the Board and volunteers.
- Largest expense is for Youth Development: services provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is funded by the Town and County, with DCC acting as supervisor.
- Other major expense is the Danby News, funded by Town and United Way.

### **Danby Youth Development**

Youth Development (noun): A process which prepares young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences which help them to become socially, morally, emotionally, physically, and cognitively competent.

- Youth Services Committee formed to monitor Youth Service programming.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Programming with Karlita Bleam. Programs provided for free to Danby Youth. Presented, for the first time, a full slate of summertime Youth Programs.
- Programs mostly housed in Town Hall Meeting Room. After some issues with noise and cleanup during the Summer, some Fall programs utilized the Danby Federated Church. Although Town Hall remains an option, Youth Committee actively researched other, more youth-friendly venues.

### **Youth Grants/Scholarships**

- Continued program of distribution of funds to Danby youth, helping them to attend activities or programs of their own choice. Awards limited to one per child per year, max \$100.

### **Danby Area News**

The Danby Area News is the Danby community's bulletin board, events calendar, and source for local news. Twelve issues were published in 2014, edited by Ted Crane and distributed with assistance from Julie Clougherty. Circulation aims to place a copy in the mailbox of every Danby resident, despite the Town's multiple zip codes and mailing routes; about 1500 copies every month.

### **Danby Concerts**

- Concerts managed by the Board of Directors and volunteers. Most booking done by Board; Classical music events initiated by Bob Strichartz. Concerts are free and open to the public.
- Concerts included a full range of genres, from Classical music to Old Time to Folk.
- Attendance at several of the concerts continues to be “standing room only”. Total attendance at 10 events estimated at over 700 people.
- Greater emphasis on encouraging donations from attendees. Several of the better attended events yielded contributions in excess of the amount collected during entire past years. Donations used to present one additional concert at the end of the year.

### **Danby Family Programs**

- *Claymation* workshops introduced family groups to the creation of clay sculptures and art and short, stop-action films. Attendance: 40-50.
- Harvest Festival: This event generated intense community interest. Attendance expanded to more than 75 people. Thanks are due to Tom Janda for his amazing trebuchet.
- West Danby Association: The DCC provides insurance sponsorship and minor funding to several wonderful West Danby Association events.
- Danby Barn Dance: Co-sponsored this annual event featuring a potluck, waltzing, and country dancing with a live band and callers. Attendance: more than 80; more than 50 joined the dancing.
- Movie presentation about health care. Attendance: 5.

### **Danby Seniors**

- Received United Way grant-funding for the Danby Seniors group, and passed this amount along to them.