

Comprehensive Plan Work Group
Town of North Dansville & Village of Dansville
14 Clara Barton Street
Dansville, NY 14437

Minutes for Monday, March 26, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Nice at 6:00pm

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| Work Group members: | Chairperson, Nancy Nice (Planning Board) | Present |
| | Katie Infantino, Secretary (Planning Board) | Present |
| | Chuck Menosky (Planning Board) | Present |
| | Kathy Button (Village Board) | Present |
| | Jeff Weidrick (Village Board) | Present |
| | Bob Infantino (Town Board) | Present |
| | David Luce (Town Board) | Present |
| | Jared Bridge (Planning Board) | Absent |
| | Ann Lafford (Community) | Present |
| | Quinn Golden (Community) | Absent |
| | Marcia Miller (Community) | Present |
| | Karen Howell (Community) | Present |
| | Sue DeMuth (Community) | Present |
| | Karen Schleyer (ZBA) | Present |
| | Chuck Infantino (ZBA) | Present |
| | Sue Mettler (Community) | Absent |

Guests: Bryan Mettler, Colleen Cone, Lisa Hartson, Dennis Weidman, Rick Lafford, Gerald Welch Jr, Charlie Perkins, Peter Bacon, Roger Sutton, Dan Rittenhouse, Scott Tracy, Lou Collela, Barry Haywood, Ken Moses, Mrs. Moses, Dawn Post, Rich Rizzari, Karl Thielges.

Minutes: A motion was made by Marcia Miller to accept the February 12,, 2024 minutes, **2nd** by Kathy Button. All in favor 13 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.**

Old Business -

- Chamber of Commerce Representative - Marcia Miller volunteered to report to the Chamber at their meetings.
- Grant Committee - Sue DeMuth, Ann Lafford, and Kathy Button agreed to be the grant committee.
- Survey - Nancy reported the results of the airport survey, see attached.

New Business - Speakers

Rich Rizzari - LMC

- The upgraded rail from Mt. Morris to Dansville has been a major benefit for them.
- The rail helped them attract a tenant who moves 300-400 cars into the facility annually.
- It has been a hub for green energy development with wind towers being built in this area. It has served the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania and Buffalo. This had been a direct benefit because of the upgrade to the rail.

- We have people inquiring about rail use. They get steel coming in by rail depending on the size of projects they are working on.
- Railroad has been very good to work with.
- They maintain the track very well.
- Two years ago they obtained a lease with the rail out to Zerfass Rd where they are able to use the Y behind the bus garage. That has helped the business quite a bit, especially with the large loads.
- Not much involvement with the town but it hasn't been necessary.
- The town worked closely with the railroad to get the funds which were used for upgrades.
- Fertilizer is shipped out by truck. They have opened the back gates so there is less truck traffic going through Cummingville.

Dan Rittenhouse - Livingston County Sheriff's Office

- No major issues with traffic in the village.
- Morning and afternoon at the school can be congested. The congestion lasts a short period of time from about 7:25 am - 7:45 am. There isn't much that can be done for that short of a renovation of the parking lot.
- The congestion stems from the one point used for both entry and exit.
- A deputy is there in the morning to assist with traffic control and is there in the afternoon if his other duties allow.

Scott Tracy - Superintendent of DPW in Village of Dansville

- He agreed with Mr. Rittenhouse that there were no major issues with transportation in the village of Dansville.
- Trucks coming up Ossian, turning on Main Street, then turning on Clara Barton is a huge issue and can be kind of dangerous. Not sure what another option would be.
- Signs on 390 advising trucks to bypass and use other exits. (Nancy)
- There was no official study to really know if those signs are working to lessen the traffic. (Barry)
- There are a lot of trucks on Jefferson Street even though there are signs saying "no trucks." But that can be enforced by the police.
- The surface isn't able to handle large trucks (Nancy).
- After Jefferson is resurfaced we don't want trucks on it. (Scott)

Ken Morris - Manager of the Perry Airport

- Ken offered his help when working with the FAA, and the DOT to obtain grants.
- He has worked on \$3 million in grants for Perry which is a small airport.
- They work with the engineering firm McFarland Johnson.
- Grant money isn't always free, the town is usually liable for 10%, depending on the grant.

Board Comments:

- Katie Infantino asked if there was any solution to the school congestion.
- Circle Drive was being used as a drop off and pick up lane. There were cars trying to get through the parked cars. Solution might be to have police monitor that area.
- Sue DeMuth asked about bike lanes to connect parks. Possibly get a grant for bike lanes.
- Ann Lafford said that painted areas on roads can at least raise awareness about bikes.
- Karen Schleyer mentioned that all our roads coming into town are state highways and the DOT will have to be involved. Quite a few roads are the purview of the village so Scott and Mayor Haywood would be the sounding boards.

- Discussed putting the surveys in the Pennysaver. Marcia Miller will see if it is possible to do that.
- Karen Schleyer suggested putting the surveys in the water bills.

Next meeting will discuss EV Bikes and sidewalks. Nancy is going to find the NYS laws regarding EV Bikes for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm

Next Meeting: April 15, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Infantino, Secretary Comprehensive Plan Work Group (CPWG)