

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

**Minutes for Monday, July 15, 2024**

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

Work Group members:	Chairperson, Nancy Nice (Planning Board)	Present
	Katie Infantino, Secretary (Planning Board)	Absent
	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)	Present
	Marcia Miller (Community)	Present
	Karen Howell (Community)	Absent
	Sue DeMuth (Community)	Present
	Karen Schleyer (ZBA)	Absent
	Chuck Infantino (ZBA)	Present
	Sue Mettler (Community)	Absent

**Guests:** Michael Bradley, Richard Twedell, Alan Derrenbacher, David Baker, Charlie Perkins, Rev Eric Thompson, Shanna Burley, Beverly Hallock, Roxanne Simeone, Bryan Mettler, Mark Sager, Jennifer Baker, Sarah Baker, Rev Jeff Capello, Jim Helfrich, Jeremy Gray, Dennis Weidman, Carol Chiumento, Chief Shannon Griese

**Minutes: A motion was made by** Chuck Menosky to accept the June 17, 2024 minutes **2nd** by Chuck Infantino. All in favor 11 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.**

**Old Business -**

**Chamber Rep:** Marcia Miller will continue to report to the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meetings.

**Airport Update:** There was a meeting on the airport. Much of what we discussed previously at our Comprehensive Plan Work Group meeting was passed through. All of our suggestions will go into the Master Comprehensive Plan.

**Co-Chair:**

**A motion was made by** Jeff Wiedrick that Quinn Golden shall serve as Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Work Group, **2nd** by Bob Infantino. All in favor 11 AYE, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, **motion passed.**

## **New Business – EV Bikes, Scooters, Golf Carts , etc.**

The members of the CPWG previously received a copy of “*Operation of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices*” from Chief Shannon Griese.

**Chair Nancy Nice asked:** “How do we make the community at large aware of the NYS and local laws”

It was noted that most people do not understand that a helmet is required, you are not allowed to ride on sidewalks, not supposed to ride in Historic Districts (which is downtown Dansville). They must obey the same laws of the road as cars. They must yield to pedestrians, they have to yield to bicycles, and they have to be aware of the traffic around them.

**Ann Lafford** suggested we post in the Pennysaver

**David Baker** suggested Facebook

**Kathy Button** suggested that if we post on Facebook that there be no comments allowed.

**Nancy Nice** noted that the Village of Dansville has not passed any EV Bike, etc laws however, we can post the NYS Laws.

**Nancy Nice** noted that we could condense the NYS laws and educate the public with a 30 days intensive campaign.

**Quinn Golden** stated that the Village of Dansville has a website and a social media presence. He feels it is not our purview as to what the rules are. We could share the information.

**Nancy Nice** asked, “What is the status on golf carts?”

**Chief Shannon Griese** responded that there are two different classifications:

1. A golf cart that is licensed, etc. from NYS DMV
2. Recreational golf cart that are not allowed on the road.

**Jim Helfrich** made the suggestion that all motorized vehicles are required to be licensed. All things can be traced and reported as necessary.

**Nancy Nice** asked about handicap scooters. There are many of them riding in the road.

**Jim Helfrich** asked another consideration: If people are handicapped enough not to be able to drive a car, should they be allowed to drive anything else?

**Rev Eric Thompson** acknowledged that people who are driving motorized vehicles are not operating safely.

**Nancy Nice** mentioned that people driving these motorized vehicles, golf carts to lawn tractors, can get DWI. So, if they are subject to following drinking and driving laws, they should be held accountable to all laws of the road.

**Quinn Golden:** “Question to the Chief of Police: if people have received a DWI and/or lost their drivers license for any number of reasons, are they permitted to drive an EV etc. ?”

**Chief Shannon Griese:** “I would have to do some research” Local laws vary and would get back to us

**Rev Jeff Cappello** acknowledged that the real issue is safety. He would like to see all motorized vehicle to be required to have a head light and tail light. We should think about safety issues instead of being prohibitive. Make them “road worthy” so that people can use these various vehicles in a safe manner.

**Nancy Nice** stated that according to NYS law you are only supposed to operate such vehicle from dawn to dusk unless you have lights and reflectors.

**Mark Sager** spoke of being a cyclist and using hand signals, and stopping at stop signs. He asked if this practice is being used and/or enforced.

**Nancy Nice** spoke to the fact that ignorance is our biggest problem. People purchase motorized bikes/scooters because they are handy. We are unable to provide a bike lane on our roads, but we don’t want them on the sidewalks. Nancy stated that this is going to take an intensive campaign to educate.

**Quinn Golden** noted that many of our sidewalks are in rough condition and mobility of scooters is nearly impossible so therefore people ride in the road. Also, he asked Chief Griese: “Are there any educational programs for children regarding bicycle safety?”

**Chief Griese** responded, “there is, we hold one within the Summer Rec program and one is held in late Spring for 3- and 4-year-olds via a Bike Rodeo held at the Dansville Ambulance Garage. Participation is mandatory and bike helmets are handed out and fit to each child’s specifications.

**Ann Lafford** stated that our problem is the adults, not children.

**Rev Eric Thompson** asked, legally speaking, are the mobility assisted vehicles are classified as pedestrian or moving vehicles? It appears that right now, they are not abiding by any rules.

**Nancy Nice** refereed to the handout and stated that there is no definition for the mobility or handicapped scooters. She also stated that we should layout a definition.

**Chief Griese** stated that we have only had a couple accidents to date. One was last week at Babcock Park: a scooter hit a vehicle and the scooter and/or child driver did not have insurance. There was damage to the vehicle and the question came up: “Who is responsible?” It was decided to make it a civil compromise that the child’s family will take care of the expense to fix the car. If not, the owner of the vehicle could go after the child’s parents’ homeowner’s insurance. Food for thought, should insurance be required?

**Quin Golden** asked if the golf carts, etc. that are on the road insured?

**Chief Griese** replied that they are required to follow NYS DMV requirements.

**Nancy Nice** stated that she is worried about the scooters for the handicapped. We don’t want to make it so hard that cannot have what they need to get around. Being careful is necessary.

**Rev Jeff Capello** read the NYS DMV laws regarding EV. Local laws can dictate the restrictions of the vehicles on streets that are posted 35 mph and under.

**Nancy Nice** stated that something must be done. We need to keep everyone safe and be considerate of others.

**Chief Griese** stated that in order to have a handicap assisted vehicle, documentation from Dr is required, but scooters, etc can be purchased at any store.

**Nancy Nice** stated that it would be nice at purchase point, the rules would be explained and distributed

**Rev Jeff Capello** would like to have addressed that all have compassion for each other. He would like to see that we are trying to bring the community together as we all have to live together.

**Nancy Nice** stated that we make sure to educate everyone.

**Quinn Golden** agreed that we should have definitions of EV bikes etc and what is allowed on the road and needs assessed of each one.

Safety is our number one issue for ALL!

**Ann Lafford** asked for a summary of where we go from here. **Nancy Nice** stated that she will meet with Chuck Menosky to condense the *Operation of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices*. Then we will plan a cost-effective way to distribute in *The Genesee Valley Pennysaver*. Also, Nancy suggested information in the water bill.

**Drew Baker** asked if this is a unique problem or have we contacted other municipalities to see how they handle these situations?

**Nancy Nice** stated that Kathy Button had information and she diverted to Chief Shannon Griese. He said that he has not obtained information but also stated that you have to look at certain areas of the law. Some laws go by population requirements

**Chief Shannon Griese** also stated that he was looking at NYS law and you can get a DWI on an E-bike and there is no requirement as of today to register and/or insure them.

**Roxanne Simeone** asked: “Does that prevent you from riding that E-bike again?” A specific answer could not be provided.

A member of the audience who did not identify herself asked if there were any other places where the rules etc. could be provided for people who do not get a water bill. Nancy stated that we will put online but also have printed copies available at the library. . Information will be provided soonest.

**Quinn Golden** asked: "Is there a minimum road width required for a bicycle lane?" State routes would be excluded. No answer was provided.

**Nancy Nice** asked if there were people in the audience interested in being on the sidewalk committee.

**Mike Bradley** asked if the NYS DOT has come to the Village Board to talk about the way the traffic lights work. Since the electronic cameras were installed, it appears that the cars are racing through the yellow lights. At 10pm the lights used to flash but now they are on a timer. He also wondered if there's a reason why this took place or any discussion? It is the understanding that NYS DOT changes when necessary.

**Charlie Perkins** stated that this is an ongoing issue. However, the 5 corners traffic light has improved.

**Drew Baker** stated that there was a notice in the water bill regarding the Airport. He responded by email and was asked when he could come to present the suggestions. He was told to come to the Comprehensive Plan meeting tonight. He has information he could leave with someone. He was directed to talk to Dale Luce after the meeting. A question was asked: "who responds to the emails?" It was stated that Katie Infantino replies to the emails. Carol Chiumento also asked to speak with Dale Luce after the meeting about the airport as well.

**Nancy Nice** thanked everyone for their input and suggestions. She explained that the Comprehensive Plan Work Group meetings are going to be a long process, urging people to please continue to come and ask questions. This is a group designed to let the people talk and all suggestions will be considered for our master plan. Our last master plan was approved in 2007. We meet the third Monday of each month.

#### **Next Meeting -**

- August 19, 2024, 6PM North Dansville Town Hall Auditorium
- Topic to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Hemmer-Miller