

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

Minutes for Monday, August 19, 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)	Present
	Chuck Menosky (Planning Board)	Present
	Kathy Button (Village Board)	Present
	Jeff Weidrick (Village Board)	Absent
	Bob Infantino (Town Board)	Absent
	David Luce (Town Board)	Present
	Jared Bridge (Planning Board)	Present
	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: Roxanne Simeone, Christina Gray, Jeremy Gray, Dennis Weidman, Anne Walsh, Patti Ransanici, Beverly Hallock, Karen Norton, Charlie Perkins.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kathy Button to accept the July 15, 2024 minutes **2nd** by Chuck Menosky. All in favor 11 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.**

Old Business -

- **Grants** - Sue DeMuth reported that she has spoken to the Livingston County grant writer and she will be making an appointment to meet with him. Nancy said she would like to attend the meeting too.

New Business –

Nancy Nice - Follow through on the Comprehensive Plan is the responsibility of each person on the municipal boards. Each board could review the Comprehensive Plan at the organizational meeting each year.

Dave Luce - Town will be responsible for the airport and will hire a manager. Hiring is almost complete. It will not be an FOB. If it is managed by an FOB the town doesn't get anything.

Airport

- Create an airport board to work in conjunction with town board. Include the FAA, DOT, pilot(s), and a member of the municipal board.
- Fuel station using a credit card that would be available 24 hours per day 7 days a week.
- Work in conjunction with the soaring club.

- Maintenance center for airplanes.
- Entice the Civil Air Patrol to come to Dansville. This would serve 2 purposes: getting kids involved and using the airport.
- Create a cooperative with the school to train young pilots and create an interest in the field of aviation.
- Cut the trees that are blocking the view of the runway. (May be complete in 2-3 years.)
- Lengthen runway to allow larger planes to land.
- Prepare for eVTOL (electronic vertical take off & landing) activity in the near future.
- Plan for more hangar which would create a revenue stream for the town.
- Look into leasing airport land to private individuals to build their own hangars.
- Town will take care of the maintenance of the property.
- Look for a distribution center to utilize the airport, rail line, highway (390), etc.
- Look for alternative activities in order to create another revenue stream for the airport (drag racing, car shows, fly-in breakfasts, tours of tower/hangar). It was mentioned that the Dansville Pilots Association will be hosting a breakfast Dogwood Weekend 2025.
- Look in to the possibility of a restaurant at or near the airport to encourage pilots to fly in, but accessible to cars too.
- Create a list of taxis/Ubers/Lyfts as well as other activities available in the area and make the list available to pilots (QR codes?).
- Possibly create a welcome center at the airport or another location in the village. Someone suggested it be located near an electric car charging station.
- Possibly an informational kiosk at the small pavilion that was just built at the airport. QR codes with information about restaurants, Dansville walking tour, etc.
- Information about the benefit (or not) of the airport. Is there an economic benefit, community benefit, historical benefit, etc.
- Look for grants to help financially.

Transportation/Walkability/Trees/Misc.

- No truck traffic on Jefferson Street.
- How do we figure out if the signs on 390 are working to keep traffic on 390 to Mt. Morris?
- Bike lanes on roads and highways.
- More crosswalks- survey where they should be.
- Create a transportation committee which would include sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, etc.
- Education regarding the laws about crosswalks.
- Lights on crosswalks in order to bring attention to the pedestrians. (Similar to the one in front of the school.)
- School parking lot needs to be revamped for better traffic flow.
- Maintain the integrity of the village and town roads with paving and filling potholes.
- Make sure Circle Drive isn't blocked with drop-offs and pick-ups during the school days.
- Develop a plan for walkability. For example, a plan based on popular destinations and safety. Survey where people need to walk and how to keep them safe.
- Municipality can apply for walkability grants.
- School can also apply for walkability grants.
- Town continues to work with the railroad to get grants for upkeep, maintenance of track, etc.
- Possible grants to expand railroad if needed. Does it need to be expanded?
- Possible survey to see if people would want sidewalks on only one side of a street.
- Develop a plan for winter maintenance of sidewalks.
- Develop a plan for placement of trees between sidewalks and roads.

- Village can apply to be a designated Tree City.
- Develop a plan for appropriate types of trees in appropriate areas. Possibly a grant to help with this and a conversation with an arborist.
- Possible cooperation between the village and the school to clean sidewalks in the winter (community service).
- Maintain the good relationship with the school regarding road closures and other issues.
- Develop a plan for enforcement of speed limits on streets that have had issues with speeding cars.
- Are more charging stations needed for electric vehicles? Must anticipate the future needs with the increase in electric vehicles. Where can they be strategically placed?
- Develop a plan for landlords to maintain their properties winter and summer.
- EV Bikes need more discussion. Kathy Button suggested that the village come up with their own rules.

Next Meeting -

- Review EV bikes. Try to consolidate the rules and regulations. We need to figure out ways to educate the community.
- Pro-housing proposal by NYS is required in order to be eligible for housing grants.
- September 16, 2024, 6PM North Dansville Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Infantino, Comprehensive Plan Work Group Secretary