

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

Minutes for Monday, April 20, 2026

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

Work Group members:	Chairperson, Nancy Nice (Planning Board)	Present
	Co-Chair, Quinn Golden (Community)	Present
	Katie Infantino, Secretary (Planning Board)	Present
	Ann Lafford (Community)	Present
	Marcia Miller (Community)	Present
	Chuck Infantino (ZBA)	Present
	Susan DeMuth (Community)	Present
	Kathy Button (Village Board)	Present
	Jeff Wiedrick (Village Board)	Present
	Bob Infantino (Town Board)	Present
	David Luce (Town Board)	Present

Guests: Kevin Weidman, Charlie Perkins, Sherry Kramer, Salome Farraro

Minutes: A motion was made by Ann Lafford March 16, 2026 minutes. 2nd by Quinn Golden. No discussion. All in favor 11 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN (Bob Infantino), **motion passed.**

New Business

Speaker: Sue Carlock Director of the Livingston County Office for the Aging

She talked a bit about the needs they are seeing among older adults in Livingston County and ways we might help.

There have been a couple of studies in Livingston County in recent years, including one done in 2023 called the *Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults*. Results came out in 2024. This survey allows comparisons with similar communities statewide and nationally. The areas where Livingston County rated lower included:

- Ease of public transportation
- Employment opportunities for older adults
- Public places to spend time
- Recreation opportunities (arts, games, fitness, trails)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Social engagement opportunities

Since COVID, studies have shown strong negative health effects from social isolation, reinforcing the importance of social connection.

Key Challenges Identified

Older adults reported difficulties with:

- Maintaining their homes (inside and outside)
- Physical health
- Financial strain (utilities, food costs rising)
- Access to information about services

Top needs identified:

- Housing
- Home maintenance
- Finances
- Physical health
- Awareness of available services
- Social engagement

Population Trends

Currently, residents aged 60+ make up the high-20% range of the county population. Within 5–10 years, that is expected to exceed 30%.

Services & Common Requests

The state program **New York Connects** helps residents learn about available services. Two staff members handle calls daily.

Most common requests:

1. **In-home services** (cleaning, personal care)
2. **Transportation** (especially to medical appointments)
3. **Home modifications and repairs**
4. **Housing options and support**
5. **Insurance counseling**
6. **Legal services**

A major issue is that older adults want to stay in their homes (about 98%), but lack support to do so.

Additional Concerns

- Food insecurity is increasing
- Many older folks are concerned with falls so they do interventions aimed at fall prevention. Tai Chi and S.A.I.L.
- They try to do more activities at the Senior Nutrition site in Dansville.
- There are programs that can help with health insurance costs or maybe they need help finding a plan better suited for them.
- Transportation gaps remain
- Shortage of personal care aides. There is physical and financial stress on caregivers, so they are trying to have programs to support caregivers.

Volunteer Needs

Major volunteer needs include:

- Drivers
- Companions for respite care
- Tai Chi instructors - she would love to find someone to teach in Dansville
- General support services

Challenges include difficulty recruiting volunteers and lack of awareness about opportunities.

Discussion Highlights

- Advertising is expensive; outreach is limited
- Libraries and community boards suggested for outreach
- Food pantries exist but accessibility is an issue (transportation, awareness)
- Coordination between agencies could improve service delivery
- There are not as many agencies in Livingston County as there are in bigger counties.
- Ann asked where they advertise for volunteers? They advertise the programs and volunteer needs in the Shoppers but it has gotten quite expensive to advertise.
- Life Span has a program called AmeriCorps Seniors and they recruit seniors in Livingston County. They provide some insurance and mileage reimbursement for volunteers.
- Ann suggested advertising in the libraries around the county. Some people may not know what the needs are. Non-profits are stretched for volunteers.
- They have a program called ISEP where they provide case management for people who are not on medicaid but just above that cut-off. They will provide a personal care aid to go into someone;s house to help with housekeeping, grocery shopping, or with personal hygiene. This helps to keep people in their homes. There is a huge shortage of personal care aids.
- Dansville has buses from RTS to help out with getting people to the store and doctor's appointments.
- Nancy said that Dansville has several food pantries to assist with food insecurities. Rotary, Foursquare, and a couple others. Do people not know about the food pantries? Sometimes it's because they can't get there to pick it up. They deliver meals all over the county and can pick up food pantry items and deliver to those in need. They also have a small food pantry at her office.
- The Wayland Church delivers food once a month.
- There are also pop-up pantries that people can drive through to get food.
- Dansville has a pop-up on the third Monday of each month. People are allowed to pick up for other families.
- There aren't as many farmers markets that accept SNAP benefits anymore.
- A church also offers a Hope Lunch once a month.
- There is a website that lists all the programs available but many people don't have internet access.
- Needs are growing but resources are not growing at the same rate.

Housing & Service Gaps

- No assisted living facilities in the county that accept Medicaid - people leave this area to find senior housing and assisted living.
- Some residents must leave the county for care
- Dialysis access may be limited and people have to leave the county for it. They have tried to get dialysis in Mt. Morris but they can't find a provider for it.

- No centralized senior center in Livingston County. They have a medical adult day center called Garden of Life in the skilled nursing facility.
- Nancy asked where a senior center would be best located? They tried to get one that was centrally located, but they didn't make any headway.
- Needs are greater in Southern Livingston County. Seniors in the North can get to the places located in Monroe County.
- They have formed many partnerships to help seniors. They partner with ARC GLOW with their community habilitation program. They are doing a shopping shuttle because there isn't a grocery store in Mt. Morris.
- She would like to see a partnership to help people with yardwork.
- She will present at service organizations. Nancy asked her to come to Rotary. Quinn will get her scheduled to talk to the Lions too.
- Ann said people in the area use the App NextDoor.
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church offers Hope Lunch once a month.

Programs Mentioned

- Tai Chi and fall-prevention programs
- Nutrition programs (meal delivery and sites)
- "GetSetUp" online learning platform Getsetup.io
- "Vivo" strength training program - helps prevent cognitive decline. The last one was in Geneseo and there are online programs to take it for free.

Kristoph Kocan, CEO Tri-County YMCA

YMCA Project Overview

- Multi-year planning process underway
- Community needs assessment completed
- Feasibility study conducted

Key findings:

- 80% support project direction
- 93% say project is important
- No opposition identified

Proposed Facility

Would include:

- Pool
- Gymnasium
- Fitness center
- Community space
- Kid's center
- Senior center (county-operated) - 5000 sq ft senior center operated by Livingston County that would be independent of the Y. You wouldn't have to be a Y member to use it.
- Partnership with URMC Noyes - of approximately 10,000 sq ft of the building. There are several ideas for how they might use it. All Rochester area YMCAs have URMC facilities in them. The model was started about 15 years ago.
- The facility would allow them to greatly expand not just what is offered in Dansville but all of the southern half of Livingston County.

Leadership

- Y board members are leaders in the community
- Strong case for the project. No one that was interviewed said that we didn't need the project.

Funding & Timeline

- Estimated cost: ~\$25 million
- Funding mix includes grants, donors, and public funds - the shift is to have 80% of the funding coming from government grants.
- Applied for \$15 million from the NY BRICKS grant but due to a technicality with the date of the grant application they did not receive it. They are confident they will receive it next year. They also applied for a New York Swimmers grant worth \$5 million. They think they would have gotten that if they had received the BRICKS grant.
- Leaders in the community who will try to get private donations. The fundraising term for this is Kitchen Door Openers.
- Grant applications ongoing
- They will continue to work with Noyes and Livingston County on the project

Current Challenges

- Public perception that the project is stalled - they are doing a lot of work to let people know they are still working on the project. They plan to have another town hall in the spring to update the community of the project.
- Long timelines due to funding and approvals - They are 4 years into the project. Ann said they are in line with other new YMCAs who have built new buildings.
- Need for continued community engagement
- A project like this doesn't happen fast but they are doing a lot of work and a huge commitment to make it happen.

Discussion Points

- Ease of access to the future location is a plus for Dansville and the surrounding areas. It's right off Rt 390.
- High senior usage at current YMCA location
- Average membership here is \$30-\$35, full access to the facility and all the classes are included. Hornell membership is about \$55 because there is access to the pool and the saunas. Once this Y is built it will be the same price. When you are a member of a Y you can go to any Y in the nation. They do offer some paid services like one-on-one trainers which are extra.
- Insurance programs often cover senior memberships for 65 and over.
- A YMCA is helpful to the school and hospital when they are looking to recruit teachers, doctors, and other staff members.
- Ann said the YMCA connects everyone in the community.
- The Y has a great partnership with the school but it is challenging to get the space. The school is a busy place.
- They are always looking for volunteers.
- Quinn asked what the largest age demographic is that they serve. Kristoph reported that it is 65+ here in Dansville. It might be a function of the facility because there isn't a gym where kids can come and shoot hoops or a pool where kids can learn to swim.

Dansville has almost as many seniors working out as there are in the large Hornell facility. It is being fully utilized.

- Krisoph said they are willing to present to Lions, Rotary, or any other service organization.

Infrastructure Needs

- Sewer extension required for new site
- Walkability improvements planned

Old Business

- Future guest speakers - we will be contacting Noyes Mental Health, local food pantries/Julie Camacho, CASA, and Tri-County. Marcia said she would contact Ann Domingus from CASA. In the May meeting we will have CASA, Noyes Mental Health, Noyes Hospital, and Tri-County.
- There may be some money through the Downtown Partnership to start paying NonProfitPivot to start writing the Comprehensive Plan. Nancy will go to the town meeting in August and the Village meeting in May.
- We still have to address in August green energy, infrastructure, and Cumminsville.
- Nancy will draft a survey and distribute it to the residents of Cumminsville.
- People in Cumminsville can vote in the Town of North Dansville election.
- Ann asked if anyone was making progress on their sections. She said she thinks the writers will still need what is being written.

The PDF of the Dansville YMCA Planning Study Summary Report for Community Leader is attached.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2026, 6pm in the North Dansville Town Hall Auditorium, 14 Clara Barton Street.

Motion by Jeff Weidrick to adjourn, 2nd by . All in favor 11 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 . Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Infantino, Secretary
Comprehensive Plan Work Group (CPWG)