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

Minutes for Monday, June 15, 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)	Absent
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)	Absent
David Luce (Town Board)	Present

Guests: Dennis Weidman, Charlie Perkins, Louise Wadsworth, LivCo; Julie Camacho, Pop-up Pantry; Brittany Deleo, Casa Trinity; Chris Blair, CASA Trinity.

Minutes: A motion was made by Marcia Miller to accept the 5/18/2026 minutes. **2nd by Quinn Golden.** No discussion. All in favor 9 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.**

New Business

CASA Trinity, Brittany Deleo, VP of Integrated Service In Dansville they currently have Certified Community Behavior Health Clinic (CCBH Clinic)

- Outpatient clinic
- Holistic approach to treatment
- Mental health treatment
- Substance use treatment
- They have a list of regulations and requirements of services they need to offer.
- They offer therapy, counseling, group counseling, medication management, peer services, targeted case management, and psychiatric rehabilitation (vocational, social/emotion, functioning assistance.)
- Peer services are folks who have lived experiences who work one- on- one or in groups.
- Individuals can access any and all of these services when they come through the door.

- At the back of the 45 Maple Street building is the Wellness Center. It is an OASIS licensed residential program.
 - Intense residential - people go there when they have completed a 28 day inpatient program for substance use. They can stabilize and continue to work on the next steps in their recovery journey, which is usually supportive housing. Most people have to go out of the county for that type of housing. Supportive housing is on their wishlist. There is a great need for supportive housing in Livingston County.
 - The intensive residential will allow them to stay for 9-12 months. Average length of stay is 3-6 months.
 - All services are in-house, with the exception of 12-Step programs, which they attend off-site.
- AIR Recovery Center on Main Street
 - Grant funded program, funded through NYS Opioid Response through OASIS.
 - It is a peer led drop in center.
 - Provides healthy and positive sober activities for free.
 - The site is open Monday through Friday but on weekends they have off-site activities. They do hikes, bowling, skiing and other social sober activities.
 - Participants do not have to be in treatment to participate in these activities. Any community member can participate free of charge.
- New things that are coming:
 - They have built an opioid treatment program at the complex at 45 Maple. It will be a methadone clinic. Clients will be able to get methadone 6 days a week. This is integrated into their outpatient clinic. Currently, many people in Livingston County have to travel to Rochester or Batavia up to 6 days a week to get their medication. It is staffed; they are just waiting on DEA approval. They are anticipating early August or September they will be able to start operating this program.
 - The first phase of their construction project on the side of the building has just started. They received a federal grant a few years ago to add 12 more therapy offices. This will allow them to expand mental health services. The Recovery Center will be moved to 45 Maple Street. That is for sustainability since it is grant funded, they need the grant money to pay rent on Main Street. Administration offices will be added as well as a dental office.
 - They will lease the area to a dental office. The dental office will accept Medicaid and will be open to anyone in the community.

Chris Blair, Lead Peer Recovery Specialist in Dansville

- Chris is in long-term sustained recovery, he helps guide people on their recovery journey.
- He helps them figure out what their pathway is going to look like. Many people who come into treatment do not know what a recovery journey could look like. Through his lived experience he can connect them to community resources, recovery resources. Help them with housing and DSS so they can get on a path to wellness.

Quinn asked what supportive living looks like:

- Other counties have programs that provide supportive housing that may be apartments where there would be staff to help them live independently and get back into society after they have been in the really structured treatment programs. Sometimes going back to the environment they came from isn't conducive to recovery until they build the skills they need.
- In Livingston County there is housing through the office of mental health in Geneseo called Skybird Landing. That is all she is aware of in this county.
- Their people usually end up in emergency housing through DSS which are hotels/motels. These places aren't in good condition and there is usually drug use actively happening. This is not conducive to recovery.
- Livingston County residents usually have to go out of county to get the level of care to continue on their path to recovery.
- There is one halfway house in Steuben County.
- Katie asked if DePaul's Balloon Lofts would be supportive housing. When they are built they will have people on 24/7 to monitor the residents. They won't provide medical services but will make sure everyone is safe.

Quinn asked how they advertise the events that the community can participate in:

- The Recovery program isn't a licensed program like treatment, it is more casual.
- It's been on Main Street for 5 years. There are some paid advertisements and social media. Most of the advertisement is on social media and they do try to recruit through their own treatment program.
- They do in-services for community stakeholders and partners.
- It probably won't be a flier that you would see at Tops.
- Chris said that they could set up a time for someone to come and share with us what the program is about.
- They have a steering committee that meets once a month. Anyone is welcome to come to a meeting or be on the committee.
- There is a calendar of events posted in the window at the Recovery center also.

Quinn asked if there were any types of issues in the community that make it difficult to do their jobs.

- We used to have very good relationships with law enforcement with several different initiatives, particularly around overdose response. They used to get reports and alerts if there were overdoses or hospitalizations. They no longer get those reports. After one head of law enforcement retired the next one wasn't as interested in that program. They had an opioid task force but it has been dissolved, due to lack of participation from law enforcement. They haven't gotten any overdose reports from the sheriff's department in a long time.

- They would like to be able to have a partnership where a peer recovery person could respond to an overdose. This would allow them to offer the resources to the person in need.
- Chris said that another barrier is the stigma of substance use disorder and mental health. If they can educate people more on what substance use is and what it isn't they will be able to do more good.
- Another barrier is transportation to treatment/recovery services. Lack of reliable vendors through medicaid transportation. Quinn asked if they use Plan B out of Nunda. They said they used that extensively but it has been shut down. Without transportation they don't show up for appointments and treatment. If they don't have medicaid they aren't able to utilize that to survive. They will have a driver on staff in the outpatient clinic which will help fill the gaps for people who don't have a car or license or are not on medicaid. Medicare does not cover transportation.

Nancy asked if they had any connections to Dansville Central School:

- Chris said he didn't think there were any prevention programs in Dansville School. There are prevention programs in other schools around Livingston County.

Katie asked what type of programs do they have in other schools:

- They don't oversee prevention.
- They do have a Teen Intervene program that they can provide in schools. There are other programs for family support too.

Quinn asked how many people are employed at the Dansville facility:

- Around 50 people are employed full-time here in Dansville.
- There are about 250 people employed across the Agency.
- The new additions will allow them to continue to operate in the community for the foreseeable future.
- Quinn said that with 50 full time positions the community should want to work hard to maintain it.

Quinn asked if they do any joint activities with the YMCA

- They collaborate and the Y has lent their instructors and space for some events. They have offered Zumba, 5K, and Yoga.

Food Link - Pop-Up Pantry, Julie Camacho

- Collaboration with the YMCA and Noyes Health.
- It is held the third Monday of the month at the old Shay's truck terminal.
- Pop-ups came about because Foodlink had food that was expiring soon and rather than throwing it away they wanted to find a way to distribute it.
- Foodlink reached out to communities to see if they could get the food out to anyone who needed it.
- Approximately 10 pallets of food arrive from Foodlink each month. They never know what they will be getting.

- They partner with other organizations in the community like Lions Club and Rotary to get volunteers to help distribute the food. They have a great assembly line to expedite the process.
- Distribution begins at 4pm and they are usually wrapping up around 6pm.
- There is no sign up for this program. Anyone can just come to the pop-up and pick up food for your family.
- The people just need to tell them their first and last name, their zip code, and report how many adults, seniors, and children they are picking up for.
- They did 145 cars this afternoon and there were many who were picking up for other families. They probably served 250-300 families.
- Quinn asked if the number of families served was growing? Julie said when they first started there was an overwhelming need coming out of COVID. As it went on the numbers dipped a bit but now they are coming up again. Food prices at the grocery store probably have something to do with that.
- The delivery is at FoodLink's discretion. In January and February they usually get just one delivery for those two months.
- FoodLink gets nothing from the community. They drive the food to us and drop it off. It's a great service and people seem to appreciate having it in the community.
- Volunteers are abundant and very willing to help.
- Sue asked if the regular food pantry at Four Square was still open. They are still open but Julie was unsure of the hours of operation.
- If the pop-up pantry has extra food after everyone has been served, they donate it to the Four Square food pantry.
- One of the challenges for Julie is to figure out how to split up the food because she never knows how many cars are waiting. She also doesn't know how much food she will be getting until that day.

Louise Wadsworth, Downtown Coordinator for Livingston County

- Louise presented Downtown 3.0, which is a revision of the downtown report done in 2017.
- The population is declining, median household incomes have increased, but they have not kept up with the cost of living. The Boomer population is predominant in Livingston County and the cost of supplies, labor, and utilities have increased. This makes it more difficult for the businesses on our Main Streets.
- She has also noticed the storefronts on the main Streets have turned more passive and less active.
- The county population is dominated by towns with villages. Eight towns with villages in the LivCo program. Twenty-three percent of the population is in towns that don't have villages. That shows how important the villages are to the whole county.
- When people come to the county, it is the villages that they see and visit. They are getting their impressions of your community from downtown.
- She is stressing to the supervisors that people are getting their impressions from the villages. We really need to concentrate on the villages.
- Most of the villages have declined in population. We need to look at why we aren't growing.

- Dansville is one of the top three populated villages. (Measured within a 3 mile radius from downtown.)
- We are predominantly older populations. Families make up 22% of the population.
- Dansville has 115 parcels in the downtown district. There is a map on the LivCo website.
- 103 Commercial Unites
- 66 residential units
- Approximately 140 people live downtown.
- 203 jobs in the downtown district.
- There are 45 active downtown units and 47 passive units.
- There are 11 vacant units.
- When the vacant and passive units are combined it's 58 passive and 45 active units.
- Active would be food and beverage, entertainment, retail, anything that actively engages people when people walk down the street.
- Passive would be medical offices, lawyer offices, etc.
- The split around the country is usually about 50/50 active to passive. Since the pandemic the number of active units have decreased nationwide. The goal would be to build up more active business on Main Street.
- Dansville anchors and destinations that we have:
 - Town hall
 - Library
 - Post office
 - Churches
 - Entertainment
 - Some retail shops
 - Dining
 - Grocery/Convenient stores
 - Pharmacy
 - Banks
 - Public Art
 - Coffee shops
 - Bookstores, we have one
- Anchors we don't have
 - Accomadations
 - Cultural or Antique stores
 - Museums -not open on a regular basis. They would be an asset if they were open regular hours.
 - Farmers' market
 - Bakery
- Target for types of retail in the downtown area:
 - 10 food and beverage
 - 10 retail
 - 10 service
- We have
 - 17 dining/beverage/entertainment
 - 15 personal care/fitness

- 13 retail/gifts/art or artists
 - 37 services or medical
 - 11 vacant
- These are metrics to use to see how healthy the community is.
- Dansville has
 - 18% food and beverage
 - 16% personal care
 - 14% retail
 - 39% service/medical
 - 14% vacant
 - 203 jobs downtown
- Altogether there are 1000+ people working in the 8 downtown districts in Livingston County.
- Vacancy rate from 2016 is down. It was 19% now it is 12%. There's a dramatic difference in how downtown Dansville looks in 2016 to now. The buildings look so much better.
- NYS DOT website to see the traffic counts for our Main Street. Dansville had very high traffic on Main Street. But, Dansville has the most cars that go by our Downtown district. This is an opportunity we need to work on.
- LivCo has a new AI program that will help study data that is gathered from cellphones to tell you who is coming to your downtown, where they are coming from, where they are going afterwards, etc. It's a very powerful program.
- She suggested that we sit down with someone from their office to have them walk us through it. There are many filters, for example, how long are people staying on your Main Street, it will tell you how many people were on Main Street during Fairy Fest, or any Second Saturday. It tracks the cellphones it can pick up then extrapolates the data.
- Sue asks if could go backwards in time, Louise thinks if can go back 5 years.
- You can compare villages, a park to another park.
- They did a leakage report in 2017 and gave the same results in 2026. Leakage is how much business is going outside of the county because the service or product isn't available in Livingston County.
- Louise asked if we had electric car chargers downtown. She said when they plug in to charge, they shop. It would be good to consider getting them in the downtown area.
- Since the pandemic a lot of things have changed. It's gone toward e-commerce, telemedicine, home delivery faster than anyone would have imagined.
- Remote and hybrid work has stabilized at 30%. It's a tough labor market right now. Many businesses say they can't find workers. There's also a shift from consumer goods to services and entertainment. These things are more internet proof. An experience can't often be replicated on the internet. These are the things we should prioritize.
- More focus on wellness. Statistics show it's the lowest alcohol consumption in 90 years.
- Definition of active businesses:
 - High rates of foot traffic
 - Transparent windows
 - Easy access entrances

- Definition of passive businesses:
 - Doctor's offices
 - Personal services
 - Dark or tinted windows
 - Curtains on windows
- Anytime there is less than 50% transparency looking into the building, it detracts from the whole district.
- At this point she showed a few photos of Downtown Dansville and how many of the buildings appear passive.
- We should have an ordinance that says a business can't cover more than 25% of their window.
- Out of 104 commercial buildings Louise classified 34 as detracting from the district.
- At this point she shared some before and after pictures of the buildings on Main Street. There have been some amazing transformations.

Quinn asked how do aesthetics like trees, sidewalks, benches on sidewalks affect the downtown

- Louise said that trees, streetscapes, sidewalks all make a huge difference in how long people are going to stay here in the community. If they feel comfortable they will stay longer, the more chance that they will come back, the longer they stay the more money they can spend.
- If they are walking down the street and it is too hot or too sunny, curtains on all the windows they might start thinking about getting back to their car and going home. The longer we can get them to stay on Main Street the better. To do that we need shade, flowers, benches, lighting at night. Keeping lights on in the businesses at night.
- Having lights on and a nice sign is 24/7 advertising for the business.
- Louise suggested looking at the design guidelines, the web address is <https://www.growlivco.com/plans-reports>
- We should work on incorporating the above report into the codes.
- Also the video by Roger Brooks at the end of the First Impressions page: Is VERY good. <https://www.growlivco.com/first-impressions>
- Here is the map of the downtown district: <https://www.growlivco.com/downtown#district-maps>

Old Business

- Nancy attended the Village of Dansville meeting and they agreed to provide \$5000 to assist in the writing of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Dave - see the summary by ChatGPT below. There is an unedited transcript of the discussion available if anyone would like a copy.

This discussion focused on the progress, funding, purpose, and public awareness of the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan update.

Funding and Consultant Discussion

- The committee discussed funding for hiring NonProfit Pivot, the consultant who would help write and organize the new comprehensive plan.
- The village has already committed \$5,000, and members anticipated requesting additional funding from the town, potentially based on the traditional 25% contribution arrangement.
- There was agreement that the committee needs to meet with NonProfit Pivot to clarify what work can be completed with the available funds, what additional resources may be needed, and the timeline for moving forward.

Concerns About Public Awareness and Board Involvement

- A committee member expressed frustration that many residents and even board members:
 - Do not know where to find the current comprehensive plan.
 - Have never read it.
 - Have never used it as a reference when making decisions.
- The member emphasized that the comprehensive plan should be an active tool guiding community decisions rather than a document that sits unused on a shelf.
- There was concern that the Town Board was not sufficiently informed about the committee's progress and may not fully understand the value of the plan.

Communication and Transparency

- Several participants discussed the need for better communication between:
 - The Comprehensive Plan Committee
 - The Town Board
 - The Village Board
- A suggestion was made that members of both the Village and Town Boards review the Comprehensive Plan Committee's monthly meeting minutes. Additionally, it was recommended that the two Village Board representatives and the two Town Board representatives provide a summary of the Comprehensive Plan Committee's discussions and progress at their respective board meetings.

Discussion of Grants

- The committee discussed the importance of having an updated comprehensive plan when applying for grants.
- Participants noted that many grant programs require projects to be identified in the comprehensive plan before funding can be awarded.
- Some confusion arose regarding comments about a potential grant opportunity and whether certain projects would be eligible.

Format and Accessibility of the New Plan

- Members agreed that the 2010 comprehensive plan is lengthy and difficult to use.
- Nonprofit Pivot's proposed approach would create a digital, searchable, and more user-friendly document with hyperlinks and easier navigation.
- The new plan is intended to be a living document that can be updated as goals are completed and community priorities change.

Status of the Writing Process

- A significant clarification was made that the committee is **not currently writing the new comprehensive plan**.
- Instead, the committee is:
 - Gathering information.
 - Collecting stakeholder input.
 - Reviewing existing materials.
 - Compiling notes and data.
- The actual drafting and organization of the final document is expected to be completed by a consultant after sufficient information has been collected.

Long-Term Vision

- Members agreed that the comprehensive plan should:
 - Guide future development decisions.
 - Support grant applications.
 - Encourage cooperation between the town, village, and community organizations.
 - Remain active and relevant after completion rather than being forgotten.

Key Takeaway

The meeting centered on concerns about funding, communication, and public engagement while reaffirming that the committee is currently in the information-gathering phase. Members emphasized the need for a modern, accessible comprehensive plan that is actively used by local government and the community to guide future decisions and secure grant funding.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2026, 6pm in the North Dansville Town Hall Auditorium, 14 Clara Barton Street.

Motion by Marcia Miller to adjourn, 2nd by Quinn Golden . All in favor 9 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 .
Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

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