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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, September 21, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Quinn Golden at 6:00pm

Work Group members:	Chairperson, Nancy Nice (Planning Board)	Absent
	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)	Absent
	Jeff Wiedrick (Village Board)	Absent
	Bob Infantino (Town Board)	Absent
	David Luce (Town Board)	Present

Guests: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Sue DeMuth to accept the 7/27/2026 minutes. **2nd by Dave Luce.** No discussion. All in favor 6 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.** **A motion was made by Marcia Miller** to accept the non meeting minutes of 8/17/2026 minutes. **2nd by Chuck Infantino.** No discussion. All in favor 6 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, **motion passed.**

New Business

CPWG Meeting Minutes & Stakeholder Review

Town of North Dansville & Village of Dansville
Prepared for the September 21, 2026 Comprehensive Plan Work Group meeting

Purpose: provide the acting chair with a quick review of organizations and community sectors already heard from, identify invitations that appear incomplete, and support discussion of who should be invited next. The complete set of CPWG minutes follows as an appendix.

Chair's Working Agenda

1. Review the stakeholder groups and organizations already heard from.
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2. Correct or add any presentation that the record below has missed.
3. Review organizations previously invited or discussed but not clearly documented as having presented.
4. Identify important community sectors that are still missing.
5. Agree on priority invitations and assign a member to contact each organization.
6. Set a target meeting/date for each invitation.

Organizations and Sectors Already Heard From

Date	Topic	Organization / presenter	What they brought to the plan
Feb. 12, 2024	Airport / aviation	Finger Lakes Soaring Club — Rick Lafford; Dansville Pilots Association / USAF Academy — John Longuil; Dansville Pilots Association — William Mackowiak; Town Airport Committee — Peter Bacon	Airport use, aviation training, hangars, fuel, runway needs, airport governance and economic potential.
Mar. 26, 2024	Transportation	LMC — Rich Rizzari; Livingston County Sheriff's Office — Dan Rittenhouse; Village DPW — Scott Tracy; Perry Airport — Ken Morris	Rail/freight, law enforcement and transportation, streets/infrastructure, airport management.
May 20, 2024	Transportation / public safety	Dansville Central School transportation — Kurt Gerould; Dansville Police Department — Chief Shannon Griesse; Village perspective — Charlie Perkins	School transportation, sidewalks/crosswalks, traffic, e-bikes/scooters and public safety.
2024 housing sessions	Housing	Local officials, residents, code-enforcement and housing stakeholders represented in the October/November discussions	Housing supply, senior/first-floor housing, affordability, rentals, property conditions and code issues.
June 16, 2025	Planning / grants	Livingston County Planning Department — Ted Griswold	Comprehensive-plan process and potential funding/technical assistance.
July 21, 2025	Planning / grants	MRB grant consultant — Jessica Geary	Grant process, Smart Growth requirements, public participation and plan preparation.

Sept. 15, 2025	Planning / grants; housing	Laurie Bennett and Chris Lavin; local real-estate / rental stakeholders including Terry Kelley, Cybil Brock and Jenni Leuzzi	Grant/fundraising strategy, community foundation concept, housing market, rentals and short-term rentals.
Oct. 20, 2025	Health / housing	Amy Pollard; information from Noyes/health and DePaul contacts	Safe discharge, nursing-home placement, homelessness, supportive and affordable housing needs.
Nov. 17, 2025	Comprehensive planning	Nunda Planning Board — Alex Pierce	Nunda's experience writing its comprehensive plan and a possible template/process for Dansville.
Dec. 15, 2025	~~County / community data~~ Reorganizational meeting	~~Livingston County — Bill Bacon~~ Did not speak	~~County information relevant to the plan and local conditions.~~
Feb. 16, 2026	Public safety / emergency services	Dansville Fire Department — Joe Snyder; Junior Firefighters — Bryce Ludlow; police/public-safety material	Volunteer recruitment, training, equipment, emergency response, youth programs and future staffing.
Mar. 16, 2026	Education	Dansville Central School District — Superintendent Kelly Zimmerman; Genesee Community College — Amy Churchfield	School facilities, enrollment/operations, transportation/EV buses, education and postsecondary/community resources.
Apr. 20, 2026	Aging / seniors	Livingston County Office for the Aging — Director Sue Carlock	Needs and services for an aging population.
June 15, 2026	Behavioral health / human services / downtown	CASA-Trinity — Brittany Deleo and Chris Blair; Pop-Up Pantry — Julie Camacho; Livingston County — Louise Wadsworth	Behavioral health/substance-use services, food assistance, and Downtown 3.0/economic and demographic conditions.
July 20, 2026	Arts / placemaking / heritage	Dansville ArtWorks — Salome Farraro and Julee Acomb; Fairy Doors information — Jeanne Gridley; Mural Committee	Public art, murals, Fairy Doors, tourism, placemaking, accessibility, downtown appearance and volunteer capacity.

Invited or Discussed — Presentation Should Be Confirmed

- **Noyes Mental Health:** Specifically identified as a future speaker in April 2026 minutes; verify whether a later presentation occurred. [Contact Emily Harrison at Noyes Mental Health to attend the October 2026 meeting.](#)
- **Noyes Hospital / broader hospital leadership:** Identified for a future meeting; health/housing information was heard through Amy Pollard, but a dedicated hospital leadership presentation should be confirmed. [Contact Dr Chad Teeters to attend the October 2026 meeting.](#)
- **Tri-County:** Identified as a future speaker in April 2026 minutes; verify whether a presentation occurred. [Contact Donna Flaherty, TCFM Board member to attend the October 2026 meeting. Several attempts to contact Karen Stone, Chief Administrative Officer of TCM have been unsuccessful.](#)
- **Local food pantries:** Julie Camacho/Pop-Up Pantry appeared June 2026; decide whether other food-assistance organizations still need representation. [Presented at a comp plan meeting earlier in the year.](#)
- **Ambulance / EMS:** October 2025 minutes state ambulance and fire departments had been invited but had not attended. Fire was later heard in February 2026; EMS should be checked separately. [Possible invite Jerry Jackson? We heard from other members of the ambulance.](#)
- **Ryan Dale / former Catholic School property:** Invited for housing discussion but recorded as unable to attend in October 2025. [Invite Ryan in January 2027 to discuss his business ventures.](#)
- **Justine Fox:** Invited for housing discussion but recorded as unable to attend in October 2025. [Howard Hanna realtors attended a previous meeting. No need to have Justine attend.](#)

Possible Gaps for Tonight's Discussion

These are discussion prompts, not a claim that every group must be invited. The committee can decide which perspectives are necessary to complete the plan.

- **Business and employers:** Chamber/Dansville Area Chamber, downtown merchants, major employers/manufacturers, small-business owners and entrepreneurs. [Peter Bacon, President of Dansville Chamber of Commerce will be invited to attend the December 2026 meeting.](#)
- **Economic development:** Livingston County Economic Development / IDA and local development organizations, focused specifically on jobs, business retention, sites and investment. [Bill Bacon from Livingston County and Salmone Ferrero from Downtown Transformational Strategy Committee \(DTSC\).](#)
- **Housing development:** Developers/builders, landlords, tenants, first-time buyers, senior-housing providers, affordable/supportive-housing providers. [DePaul and Ryan Dale will be invited to the January 2027 meeting.](#)
- **EMS and healthcare:** Dansville Ambulance/EMS, Noyes Hospital leadership, primary care, mental-health providers and long-term-care representatives. [See above for the stakeholders who will be invited in October 2026.](#)
- **Youth and families:** Students/youth, parents, childcare providers, youth recreation and organizations serving families. [Invite the following to the February or March 2027 meeting: PTO, Jr. Mustangs, Library, Music Boosters \(Kim Maine\), Athletic Booster Club, FBLA, History Club at school, Dave Moody\(School and Community Liaison at DCS\), After-school childcare, Summer Rec Program, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Rod & Gun.](#)
- **Agriculture and rural land:** Farmers, agricultural businesses, Livingston County agriculture/Farmland Protection interests, conservation/open-space stakeholders. [Invite Roger Mark, FFA, and the Genesee Valley Conservancy in April 2027. Agriculture Farmaland and Protection Board- Livingston County. Call Megan CrowePlanning Director at 585-243-7565.](#)

- **Utilities and infrastructure:** Water/sewer, electric/gas/telecom/broadband providers and public-works/infrastructure representatives. [In May invite the heads of Village of Water and Sewer, NYSEG, and Empire Access.](#)
- **Tourism and hospitality:** Hotels/lodging, restaurants, tourism promotion, festivals/events and outdoor recreation organizations. [In June we will invite LivCo Tourism, the new restaurant owner, and a possible hotel owner.](#)
- **Faith and service organizations:** Churches, veterans groups, civic/service clubs and organizations serving vulnerable residents. [In July we will invite pastors and priests from the local churches.](#)
- **Accessibility / disability:** People with disabilities and organizations that can speak to sidewalks, buildings, transportation, housing and public-space accessibility. [We will invite Jennifer Brushafer from the Special Olympics.](#)

Suggested Closing Decision

Before adjournment, create a short invitation list with: organization/person, why the CPWG wants their input, members responsible for contacting them, and preferred meeting month. This turns tonight's review into an actionable schedule.

Other Comments and Suggestions from the Committee:

- Add a requirement to the comp plan for elected officials and board members to take training for their positions.
- According to Dave Luce, there is no required training for Town and Village Board members.
- ZBA and Planning Board must have at least 4 hours of training each year they serve as a board member.
- At the September 2025 meeting Greg Nelson of Hornell said that the City of Hornell has a list of specific people who are licensed and insured and eligible to work in or on houses in the city. The eligible contractors must take some training in order to be included on the list.
- Dansville may have a law to require a certificate of insurance. Quinn will check on this.
- Sue Demuth said there are many grants available, including DRI and NY Forward. We need a person to keep the abreast of the grants that are available. This person could liaise with the Village and Town Boards as well as any business, person, or organization who may be eligible to apply.
- The Village has applied for grants but the community input has been lacking.
- There was a suggestion to divide the Youth & Families groups into two different meetings.
- Is there anyone we could bring in to discuss the unhoused situation?
- The Lutheran Church has a community program called Laundry Love. This year they will be providing that service in the schools to any student who needs to wash their clothes.
- Bring someone in from Livingston County to discuss housing. Marcia sent me the information for Livingston County Fair Housing Officer, phone number is 585-243-7300.
- Invite the Legion and the VFW to the August 2027 meeting. Bob Wolter runs a program for vets. Veteran Engagement Specialist, 7 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris, NY. Cell phone 585-200-9742 and office phone 585-243-7960.
- We should invite someone from the Red Cross. We can contact JuliAnn Severson and Donna Nagle for that information.
- We need a Welcome Wagon again. When new families come to the community they get information and gifts. We could use the realtors as contacts.
- Somewhere there should be information about what short term rentals are available in the area.

- The comp plan should address the laws and rules regarding short term rentals in the residential area of the village.
- Service clubs should be invited to the comp plan meeting in August. Lions, Rotary, Union Hose, Masons, Women's Civic Club, Hook & Ladder, Moose, Lioness, K of C, Kiwanis, Women's Fire Auxiliary, Protectives, Jackson Hose, Legion Auxiliary, Noyes Auxiliary, Whitetails. If anyone has other suggestions, bring them to the next meeting.
- Marcia suggested we make a chart of who will be attending and have people volunteer to contact those people.
- Quinn wrote a script to read or write when we are inviting stakeholders to our meetings.
 - **The long version:**

The Town of North Dansville and Village of Dansville are working together to develop a new Comprehensive Plan, a long-term roadmap for where we want our community to go over the next 10 to 20 years. Our Working Group is looking at everything from housing and economic development to transportation, infrastructure, recreation, agriculture, historic resources, and quality of life. But we don't want to develop that plan in a vacuum. We're inviting people who know our community and the issues affecting it to come talk with us. We'd really value your perspective—what you're seeing, what the challenges are, and what you think we should be considering as we plan for Dansville's future.

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Motion by Marcia Miller to use the letter titled Professional Grant Writing Services to send to each of the groups that presented to the comp plan group in 2025. This will fulfill the request by the Town Board for 3 quotes for services.

Old Business

Next Meeting: October 19, 2026, 6pm in the North Dansville Town Hall Auditorium, 14 Clara Barton Street.

Motion by Quinn Golden to adjourn, **2nd by Sue DeMuth** . All in favor 6 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 . Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

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