



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## DANBY FUN DAY SATURDAY, JULY 16, 10-4 DANBY FIRE STATION

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Historical Games by Dewitt Historical Society  
White Elephant Sale • Book Sale • Vendors  
Children's Archery by Flashing Feathers

10:00-11:00 Hogben's old time fiddle and  
bluegrass music  
11:00 am Parade  
12:00-gone The Fire Department's Famous  
Chicken BBQ  
12:00-4:00 Reptile Show by Dan the Snake Man  
12:30-1:30 Children's Music by John Simon  
2:00 pm Water balloon toss, sack race, three  
legged race, tug of war  
1:30-3:00 Music by The Flunk School  
4:00 pm Dance with the Urban Horse Thieves;  
Danby Market parking lot

**Vendors and exhibits wanted.** Interested persons should contact Andrea Hazard at 272-8791. It is preferred that vendors bring their own tables and chairs. In lieu of a vendor fee, we request that vendors donate an item for a raffle. Proceeds benefit the fire department.

**Volunteers needed.** We need help with the Book Sale, Raffle, Popcorn and Barbecue (especially cleanup after 3 pm). Even one hour of your time is greatly appreciated! To help with the BBQ, call the station (272-8114), Sharon Gadon (659-3116) or Dick Oltz (273-7307). To help with other events, call Andrea Hazard.

**Cake Wheel Donations are needed.** Please contact Kimberly Rice-Narusch (<kimagine@gmail.com> or call 564-9684) to donate a cake or for more information.

**Sell your unwanted treasures at the White Elephant Sale.** Or, look for newfound treasures that your neighbors are selling. Sellers must provide their own setup, and remove any unsold items. You may keep whatever you earn, but donations to the fire department are welcomed. Please contact Asher Hockett (272-9462) if interested. You may also donate your old books to the Book Sale. Bring books the morning of the event. Proceeds will benefit the fire department.

## DANBY PARADE!

This is expected to be the biggest parade that Danby has seen in years! There are approximately 30 entries, including floats, marching bands and lots of surprises! The parade procession will begin between 10:45 and 11:00am and will proceed along Danby Road from near the Miller Road intersection to the Bald Hill Road intersection at the Danby Federated Church. Danby Road will be closed during the Parade procession, from the East/West Miller Road intersection to Bald Hill Road. A detour route will be provided.

### **Parking For Fun Day And Parade:**

Parking will be available at the old Danby School, and at the Town Hall. Parking on the shoulders of roads is okay as long as you do not obstruct traffic. Please do not park near the Gunderman Road Bridge. We encourage you to car pool, walk, or bike.

### **Parade Participants:**

Line-up is at Rick Dobson's Danby Motors at 10:00 am sharp! Parking is also available there. When you arrive, you will be assigned a line-up location. The procession will start between 10:45 and 11:00.

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## NEWS DEADLINES

We've been experiencing a rash of late submissions, often coming in just as the  
issue is going to press. While we usually have a few days' grace period after the  
official 15<sup>th</sup> of the month deadline, the number of days varies month to month.  
We ask all contributors to view the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month as our dropdead.

*Thanks!*

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June 30 is the deadline for submitting entry forms to participate in the parade, as noted in earlier articles. In fairness to the parade organizers, please keep this in mind. If you want to participate in next year's parade, there will be plenty of opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact S. Beeners, 277-0799, or A. Cusimano, <amymc@twcny.rr.com>. We look forward to seeing you there!

# DANBY SONG

Okay, Danbyites! Wet your whistles and get ready to sing or hum along with the following song at the Danby Parade! Ernie Payton's Brass Band will be playing this song, and there may be other bands as well who will play it. Plus, kazoos will be handed to you along the parade route! Let's hear it for Danby!

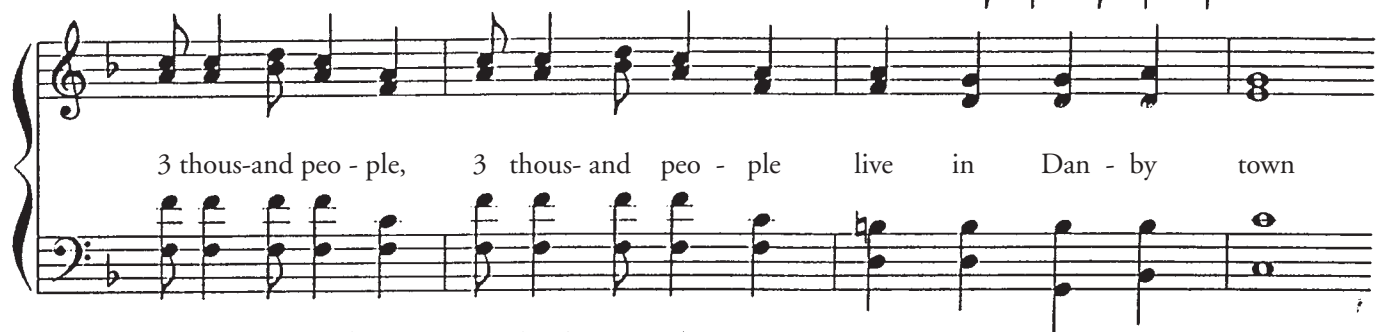
## We Come From Danby

Words and Melody—Robert C. Boda


Arrangement by Roland L. Boda



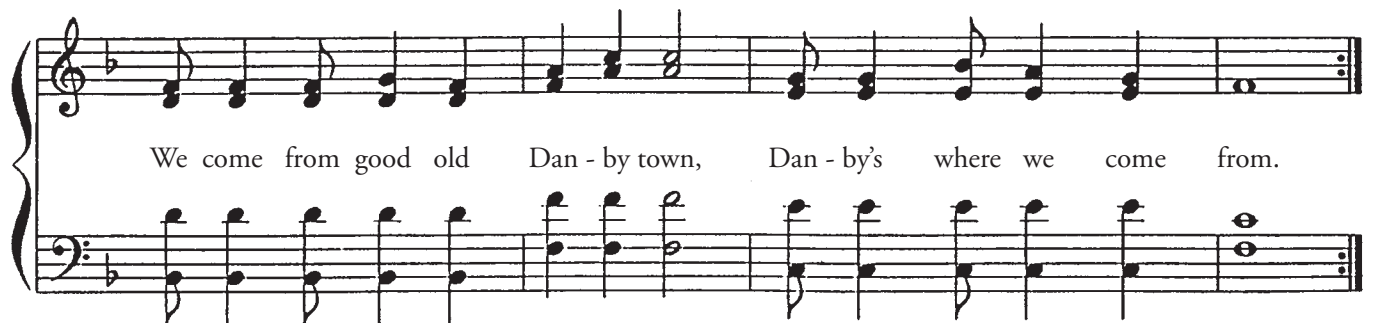
We come from Dan-by, from good old Dan - by Dan-by is our home town.



3 thous-and peo - ple, 3 thous- and peo - ple live in Dan - by town



Some are the young and some are the old but we all rate the same,



We come from good old Dan - by town, Dan - by's where we come from.

## DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS

The Danby Senior Citizens will hold their annual picnic on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Danby Ball Field on the corner of Brown Road and Short Road.

## TOWN CLERK'S SUMMER SCHEDULE OF OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 1, 2005 through August 13, 2005 the Town Clerk's office hours will be:

**Tuesday–Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm**  
**No Saturday hours for the summer.**

## NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN

Hunting licenses for the 2005–2006 season will go on sale on Monday, August 15. The Clerk's Office will be open that Monday from 9:00 am–4:00 pm.

## PUBLIC INFO MEETING—JULY 21 PROPOSED TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROJECT

The Planning Board will be holding a public information meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21 at the Danby Town Hall, for a presentation regarding the proposed Tompkins County Public Safety Communications System Project. Lee Shurtleff, Director of the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response, along with other County personnel will present an overview of the Countywide project, the two sites proposed for tower installation in Danby, and the process related to this project.

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

The Danby Community Library Book Discussion Group has created a list of 48 titles for "Summer" reading. The library will be marching in the Danby Fun Day parade and giving opportunities to sign up to be the first to borrow our new Harry Potter book which will be available at midnight on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

New collections expected this month: Picture Books and Easy Readers (6/16); Audiobooks, Family Videos and Feature Videos (6/30), and Juvenile Fiction (7/14). We have just purchased a collection of Robert Lieberman's books (local Danby author!). Come on down to the Danby Community Library and find some good summer reading, listening, and viewing fun.

*Submitted by Patti Meyers*



## GET YOUR PAWS HEADED TO BIG VBS FUN!

DANBY FEDERATED  
CHURCH VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 7–11, 1859 DANBY  
ROAD, 5:30–8:30PM

Come to Serengeti Trek for a grrreat time!  
For more information, call 272-1687.

# DANBY HISTORY NOTES

BY JOAN GRANT, TOWN HISTORIAN

## YEAST CULTURES

Before the days of store bought bread most families made their own. The most important ingredient was the yeast.

The yeast culture is very delicate and complicated. It needs warmth to grow. It stops functioning at 63°F (Fahrenheit). Optimum results are obtained between 80° and 95°F. Above 95°F yeast culture begins to slow and at 109°F it dies.

The yeast culture crock/pot should be ceramic or plastic, the same for utensils. All utensils used in the yeast culture must be sterile to prevent the introduction of bacteria that will kill it. The yeast culture converts simple starches and sugars into ethel alcohol and carbon dioxide. A loose fitting lid is required for the crock to allow the carbon dioxide to escape. It's important to keep a close eye on the yeast culture because the alcohol it produces can eventually kill it. If it stops frothing it is either out of food or nearing toxicity. Adding carbohydrates (sugar or flour) and water will prevent it from dying.

Below are two accounts of the use of yeast cultures.

### As told by Maud Shurtz (born 1896).

“We kept our yeast culture in a gallon crock jar. When making bread, we used all the contents except about a cup. This gave us the ‘seed’ to rebuild our culture. We did this by adding cool potato water, some mashed potatoes, a cup of sugar and a cup of flour. We then gave it a stir, and set it in a warm place near the stove. When potatoes were cooked for dinner, we added the cooled potato water to the yeast culture. If all went well with our culture, the yeast was ready for the next bake day. If for some reason the yeast died, we carefully washed and sanitized the crock pot then went to the neighbor’s place for another start.”

### As told by Rose Adamson (born 1915).

“When making bread, my mother pulled a piece of dough off maybe the size of a cup and threw it in the flour bin. The day before she made bread she went to the bin and got the bread dough which was now large and flat and quite hard. She put this in a bowl of warm potato water with some sugar and let it sit in a warm place. The next day when mother was making bread she poured the now frothy yeasts culture into the bread makings. (If left in the flour bin for more than a week the yeast culture dies.)”

I hope you found these accounts interesting. It gives us a new appreciation for the pioneer housewife. *Resources: Walton Feed, Al Durschi, Maud Shurtz, and Rose Adamson.*

## DANBY FARMERS’ MARKET BEGINS

The Danby Farmers’ Market will return Thursday, July 7 on Route 96B in the pavilion between the Fire Hall and the Danby Market. The Danby Farmers’ Market will be bringing fresh produce into the heart of Danby for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The hours are the same as last year—every Thursday from 4 to 7pm.

This year the market will feature a stand run by Danby youth, who sell produce for local farmers that don’t have time to be at the market in person. The youth who run the stand provide a valuable service to both farmers and community members by making produce available in an area without a significant grocery selection. All of the produce sold is grown either in Tompkins or Cayuga counties. The students who are involved learn about local and sustainable agriculture, as well as good nutrition, cooking, and basic money-handling and customer service skills.

In addition to locally grown fresh produce, the market this year will also offer local honey and will feature free food samples and recipes on alternate weeks. Farmers, crafters, and community members who would like to participate or schedule events / information booths at the market are very welcome! Please contact Lisa Gibson at 272-2292 or <lgibson@wells.edu>.

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs July 2005

Programs are for town of Danby youth; age range is listed for each program. Brochures and registration forms at the Danby Store and Town Hall will have more details, and registration forms to be returned. To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Ruth Baldwin at 272-2292 x. 224, or <reb53@cornell.edu>, or download the form at <<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>>.

**Green Thumbs Garden Club**—Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 9:30am–12:00pm, Town Hall. Grades 3–9.

We will work on creating a fun and beautiful community garden outside of the Town Hall. We will continue to work on the youth-designed garden, and will play plenty of outdoor games.

**Creative Crafts**—Tuesdays July 5, 12, 19, 9:30 am–12:00 pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 3–8.

We will meet every week at the Town Hall to create a variety of craft projects. Projects may include mosaics, drawing, painting, embroidery, cross-stitch, basketry, repainting/decorating old furniture, and more!

**Danby Farmers' Market**—every Thursday afternoon through mid-September; Danby Fire House Pavilion. Grades 5–11.

The market opens Thursday, July 7, and will be open from 4–7pm every Thursday through mid-September. We've met several times before opening day to learn about food and agriculture, and learn a few recipes. Youth over the age of 14 should apply early to work at the market. Five paid positions are available. Younger youth are encouraged to sign up as well as volunteer workers. Please contact Ruth for a calendar of dates and events, or a detailed job description.

## Jennings Pond Swim

Jennings Pond will be open for the season Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day. The park is open 9 am to 10 pm. Supervised swimming will be available Sunday–Thursday, 12pm–7pm, Friday and Saturday 12pm–8 pm.

## Family Evening Series at Jennings Pond

**Tuesday evenings, July–August**

**July 12**—Homing Pigeons with Bill Thompson. Bill will bring pigeons, talk about his fascinating hobby, and release some birds so they can fly home to Trumansburg.

**July 19**—Wild Animals with Arne VanLeuken. Come explore the animal life of Jennings Pond. We'll be trying to catch some interesting critters as well as viewing the collection of a local expert. Nets and guidebooks will be provided.

**July 26**—Paper making with Arne. Take a look at how recycled paper gets made. We'll be mixing up scrap paper in blenders and creating our own paperwork. Whatever you make, you get to take home.

**August 2**—Ice cream making with Arne. We'll make some hand cranked goodness so bring your extra energy, 'cause it takes a lot of hand power to make it. We'll also try out some alternative ice cream makers and see how they hold up.

**August 9**—Scavenger hunt/adventure challenge with Arne. We'll divide you up into teams and send you off. You'll learn a little bit about the pond, our local history, and practice your survival skills. It'll be part search, part study, and part who knows? Prizes for everyone who succeeds.

All programs start at 7:00 and are free. Think about bringing a picnic and eating at Jennings Pond before the program. Swimming takes place until 7:00. This series is sponsored by the Danby Community Council. More programs may be announced next month. For more info contact Dan Klein at 272-7582.

## JULY CALENDAR

**BID OPENING**—Wednesday, July 6; for new 1.5 ton truck for Danby Highway Department, 5:00pm, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY

**DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL PICNIC**—Thursday, July 7, 6pm, West Danby Ball Field.

**TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**—Monday, July 11, 7pm, Town Hall. 1) Time Warner cable franchise; and 2) a petition requesting a portion of Deputron Hollow Road be upgraded. A regular meeting of the Town Board will follow the public hearings.

**MEET YOUR REPS**—Tuesday, July 12, 9:00–11:30 am, Danby Market. Frank Proto and Ric Dietrich.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE**—Thursday, July 14, 7pm, Town Hall.

**DANBY FUN DAY**—Saturday, July 16, 10–4; parade at 11am, Danby Fire Station. See page 1.

**PUBLIC INFO MEETING**—at Planning Board Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 7:30pm, Danby Town Hall. County 911 communications plan. See page 4.

**PLANNING BOARD**—Thursday, June 16, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**—Next meeting, Thursday, August 4, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

## ONGOING

**SENIORS STRENGTH TRAINING GROUP**—Mondays, 9am, Danby Federated Church.

**WEST DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**—Second Monday, 7pm, West Danby Fire Hall.

**DANBY FIRE COMPANY**—Mondays, 7pm, monthly meeting the second Monday at 7:30pm.

**DANBY FOOD PANTRY**—Second Thursday (this month), 6–8pm, third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

**DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY READING GROUP**—Fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, Danby Library.

**DANBY QUILTERS GROUP**—Mondays, 6:30pm, Fridays, 9–11am. Call 273-2950 for info.

**DANBY FARMERS' MARKET**—Thursdays, 4–7pm, Danby Fire Station pavilion. See page 5.

## DEAD DEER ON ROADWAYS

To report a dead deer on a roadway in the Town of Danby, please call the Danby Highway Department at 272-9169. It is important to notify us as soon as possible so that the deer can be picked up promptly, avoiding further problems.

Please leave the following information: your name; the nearest house number to the deer; the location (in ditch, driveway, near mailbox, etc.); and most importantly, a callback number in case we need further information. We will call in a report to the proper highway department (state, county or town). Town and county departments usually take care of deer in their roads the same day. The state contracts out this service and may take 24 to 48 hours for pickup depending on when they are notified. Deer are not picked up on weekends, but you may leave a message anytime.

*Submitted by William B. Hall, Superintendent, Danby Highway Department*

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

July 1–Aug. 13: Tues–Fri 9am–3pm  
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

93 Hornbrook Road, Ithaca, NY 14850  
Monday–Thursday 6am–4:30pm • Ph: 272-9169

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Wednesday–Friday 10am–5pm or by appointment  
Ph: 607-277-0799 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### TOWN COURT:

Tuesday eve, 7pm  
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### DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tues & Thurs 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION LAUNCHES HAMLET PLANNING

At the invitation of the Town Board, Mike Stamm, Director of Tompkins County Area Development, led a discussion at the June Agenda Meeting on how the town could effectively pursue acquiring for itself the types of businesses we would like to see locate in the town centers of Danby and West Danby. Mike brought with him Gary Ferguson, Director of the Ithaca Downtown Partnership, and Heather Filiberto, Senior Planner with the Tompkins County Planning Department, so the discussion could better address planning. The ensuing back and forth with the board and others in attendance covered many topics of interest in incorporating economic development as part of hamlet strategic planning.

All three professionals said they would be happy to assist in whatever way they could to help us bring to Danby the businesses we want. We need to be realistic about what we can reasonably aspire to, and they can help with that assessment as well. Gary has information on what businesses need to be viable—the size population within a certain radius and necessary traffic counts, for example. All emphasized that the key to the process is a community consensus on what we actually want. Mike cited a bad experience he had in trying to assist a business to locate in Groton and having the community resist, and ultimately reject, the effort, despite a good match with what the village planning documents said they wanted. “If you can agree on what you want, we can help you get it” was the take-home message.

We are not starting from scratch in that regard. The Comprehensive Plan includes a desire to attract to Danby small support businesses such as restaurants, banks, doctors’ offices, antique shops, bed and breakfasts and the like. A subcommittee of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force is developing a process for undertaking the hamlet strategic planning and the working rough draft was shared with the presenters in advance of the meeting to enable them to critically evaluate our approach. The comments and offers of assistance will help us focus on ensuring that we are after the right mix of businesses for Danby—ones the community both wants and can support.

## SCOPE OF HAMLET STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEWED BY TASK FORCE

The June meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force began a review of a rough draft for a process for hamlet strategic planning proposed by a subcommittee. The vision/scope for the process received the most attention. It was endorsed and sent on to the Planning and Town Boards for their comments. The scope incorporates all that can be extracted from the Comprehensive Plan by way of guidance. It reads as follows:

“To plan and promote the re-vitalization of the Hamlets of Danby. This plan will follow the same process to achieve a common vision in both hamlets while including steps to address location-specific differences such as geography and infrastructure. It is understood that not all land targeted will initially be available within the proposed hamlet areas, but over time, they will be transformed to conform to the over-riding vision. This scope/vision statement includes all elements identified in the Comprehensive Plan. It is believed that promoting growth in the hamlets will mitigate sprawl while increasing Danby’s revenue base. This plan will include, but is not be limited to, the following elements:

- Estimate for and accommodate to cover a term of 20 years
- Include consideration for 350 high density residential homes. This assumes that with promotion,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of new builds will occur in this area at the current rate of new builds (25 houses/yr x 20 years)(.66) =350
- Include affordable housing
- Include senior living residences with community center
- Integrate greenway-like areas
- Identify the type(s) and locations for commercial properties to include but not be limited to: bed & breakfast, diner/restaurant, drug store, fuel, hardware, and office space. It has been suggested that these might be co-located much like Community Corners creating a centralized community focal point.

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- Include the type(s), size and location for light industry
- Identify and include opportunities for tourism
- Incorporate existing and potential recreation areas”

Before we get too far into this, let me emphasize that a project is easiest to influence in its early stages, before those involved have invested much time and effort and their opinions have hardened into positions. Please review the scoping statement carefully and if you think it misses the mark seriously call me (564-7647) or send me an email (joelpgagnon@hotmail.com) and I can forward your concerns to the task force for consideration.

The subcommittee proposes a working group to coordinate the hamlet planning. The Town is reapplying for grant money with which to hire one or more consultants to assist. With that money we could explore our options in greater depth, with greater public involvement, and craft a plan more swiftly. Without it we will necessarily have to limit the options we explore and take longer to create the plan. We have discussed creating a “committee proposal” as a feasible way to approach the task without the grant money. The working group will prepare a plan and then run it by the public for feedback. If we come up with something that finds favor with Danby’s residents, that can work well; to the extent that we misjudge, the necessary changes will stretch out the process. Clearly the working group is important and we would like to expand its membership. If you have an interest in helping to plan the hamlets, now is the time to jump in. Send me an email or give me a call.

*Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair*

## TASK FORCE ENDORSES LOT CREATION BY PERMIT

The June Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force meeting examined a couple of options to change and/or augment the first-round open space protection legislation enacted by the Town Board in May. It was agreed to add several ways of creating lots through a simple permitting process instead of having to go through a public process with the Planning

Board. This optional process, termed “Land Division by Permit”, would allow lots greater than 15 acres to be created without any restrictions as long as they satisfy the frontage requirements for the zone they are created in. Lots smaller than 15 acres would require the landowner to give up the right to create one or more lots for every lot created this way and could only be used to create one lot in any three-year period. This by-permit mechanism would include considerable flexibility for lot size and placement, however. Besides the “standard” lot (minimum 200 feet of frontage and 2 acres in the Low Density Zone), options would be included for:

- 1) “Compressed” frontage lots with 150 feet of frontage and as little as one acre.
- 2) Flag lots (lots behind frontage lots) in lieu of frontage lots on an equal-area basis.
- 3) Other flag lots if the landowner is willing to forfeit the future creation of 3 additional lots to which s/he is entitled.

Let me emphasize that these “Land Divisions by Permit” would be optional. Landowners could opt to go before the Planning Board and would preserve all their development rights if they so chose.

The Task Force also looked at an incentive to preserve land best suited to agriculture. As proposed, a landowner/developer would acquire the right to create one additional lot for every 5 acres of class I, II, or III soils set aside and protected. The Task Force wanted to look at a map of where these soils are in Danby before passing judgment. Danby has little, if any, class I soils, very little class II, and a limited amount of class III. We will revisit this in July. Also in July, we will look at possibly dropping the delineated conservation areas requirement, seeing if we can accomplish the conservation objective in other ways. That meeting will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 14. Why not join us?

*Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair*



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**SENIORS PICNIC**  
**JULY 7, 6PM**

**911 TOWER INFO MEET**  
**JULY 21, 7:30PM**