

Danby Conservation Advisory Council  
April 18, 2011  
Minutes

Present: Sue Beeners, Mary Ann Barr, Joel Gagnon, Tom Gavin, Dan Klein, Julie Kulik, Ronda Roaring

March minutes approved

Environment Ed Programs (proposed dates: June 22, July 13, July 27, September 18)

June 22: Jennings Pond, Topic ?

People: Lang Elliott, Bill Evans, Tom Gavin, Tony Ingraham, Jake?, Jed Jordan, Mary Woodsen, Nakita (David Werier) – get email from Dan, Charlie Smith (birds/butterflies/dragonflies), Carolyn Klass (insects), Leslie Connors (skeleton collection), Tom Reimers(trail clubs), Ronda Roaring (Wildflowers), Tree/Shrub Identification: Tom Gavin

Possible Places:

Lindsey Parsons Biodiversity Preserve  
Humane Society of the US – 30-50 acres  
Danby Park/ Barber et al Hunting land (wet land)

Other Ideas for this group to organize:

Rural Cemetery Tour in October,  
Big Trees of Danby Registry – chest height circumference. (JULIE put in next Danby Area News)

TO DO: Julie will - Contact names, topic ideas? Which date can they do? Where would they like to do it?  
Everyone else: please send Julie contact information for these folks.

Rapid Waters Unit Management Plan comments

Dan proposes sending this to the DEC, and Rhonda will “beef it up” for the Town Board’s submitted letter.  
We voted to submit Tom’s letter to the DEC, from the DCAC.

We voted to also add comments to the Town Board (TB) comments.

Rhonda encourages all to send these comments to Bureau Chief as well.

These will be sent electronically to TB by Dan Klein.

TO DO: Joel will put Letter Head: addressed to John Clancy, then scanned and emailed to DEC.

Easements and collaboration with the Finger Lakes Land Trust

Andy Suggested reading “Land Trusts: Standards and Practices” available on the LTA.ORG /  
LandTrustAlliance.org website.

TO DO: Dan Klein - DAN submission letting folks know about the tax break in 2011 for adding easement to their land.

Future discussion: Funding of Ongoing Stewardship?

Tompkins County Environmental Management Council – invitation to send representative

Eric Banford is the Danby Town Representative  
No one in this Council is volunteering to be a rep.

Intern – hire for summer

Jake needs to fill us in.

Danby Fun Day, July 9<sup>th</sup> – our role?

Table, maps, Intern could help with this (Logo, letterhead, slogan)

Handouts – brochure, (Mary Ann Barr will make a mock-up)

Location – near History Group.

Nature table – Contest: what skull is this? Rocks, plants? – prizes is Tom’s Books!, Lang Elliot’s CD?

Possible Raffle – buy a ticket for the above and others.

Submitted by Julie Nichols Kulik