

MEETING OF HILLSDALE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

April 14, 2012 10 am Town Hall

Present: Joan Walstein, Tom Carty, Mike Stertz, Marilyn Simon, Julia Brandi, Lex Lalli

The Committee agreed that the name should be changed to HISTORIC HILLSDALE instead of Preservation Committee. All who attended agreed. We need to hear your objections by May 1. If no objections, the name will be changed. Whether or not we need our own logo was discussed and will be brought up again at the next meeting.

1. SIGNS

The signs will be installed in May. All owners of property have agreed including the Church (thank you Mike!), **Tom and Augie will find the sites that meet state highway requirements and put in a marker, and the property owners will be asked to sign a License Agreement.** We hope this will be concluded by the end of the month. As soon as we have them installed, we will find a date for a small celebration.

Celebration: Gather at one of the signs, walk to Town Hall, have coffee and scones (from David at Crossroads) and announce future activities.

Invite: Residents of district, members of Hamlet Committee, Town Board. **Who else?**

Julia has prepared copy for a thank you for home owners that are letting us put signs on their property. Once wording is approved, she will prepare documents and have them framed.

LEX TO DO: WRITE TO THANK CHURCH, SEE IF BELL CAN BE RUNG FOR CELEBRATION.

2. HOOTENANNY is scheduled for October 20. Joe Browdy and his group are all set. We will ask other local musicians to join in. Chris Dellea is already on board. Lex will ask Fred. Lex will meet with Joe.

TIMI – Do you think that the people who organized the house tours will be willing to help with the other events? Who were they and who should ask? Marilyn Simon has agreed to help out with Hootenanny.

A party for special donors and VIP's will be held about a month before the Hootenanny at the home of Rick and Brian – (thanks Matthew!). Plans to be made and date to be set but they have agreed to do it. This is instead of a summer garden event since their garden will not be ready for sure this summer.

We need to determine a location for the Hootenanny. Suggestions included Fire House, Matthew's new barn on Mitchell Street, and Catamount. **Need to decide what we are serving and price for tickets and for major donors.**

QUESTION: Should we look for another historic house/garden event this summer?

3. BROCHURE

Matthew and Joan have prepared a draft of the brochure to be ready for the event when the signs are installed. Lex is editing for content and will send to Julia to edit for form. It has been suggested that we ask Town Historian to write brief history for back of brochure.

Thanks Matt and Joan!

Tax Credits for Commercial and residential property and barns will be highlighted. We will try for article in paper and put on town newsletter.

4. FUND RAISING FOR TOWN HALL RESTORATION.

Application has been made to Rhinestrom Hill Foundation for \$30,000 to match what we already have committed. Additional funds need to be found and before the next meeting there will be a meeting to determine how to raise additional funds from events, sponsorships, foundations/businesses, NY State.

5. WHIPPOORWILL ROAD MARKER WITH ROBERT BRUCE POEM.

Jay Rohrlich contacted Lex about the marker on Whippoorwill Road that is in need of restoration. Small amount of funds (\$1500) is needed. Jay suggests that residents on Whippoorwill be asked for donations. The Committee thought it best to have a policy for requests about historic markers, and whether it is jurisdiction of Historic Preservation Committee or Roe Jan Historical Society. One possible criteria is whether it is eligible for listing on the National Register.

LEX WILL CHECK WITH SHPO TO FIND OUT IF THERE ARE PRECEDENTS.

6. Plaques for historic properties. Lex will contact the National Resgister to see if they will provide plaques for houses. If not we might want to have plaques installed but what is the cost and who will cover it?