

MEETING OF HISTORIC HILLSDALE

Saturday, April 26, 4 PM to 5 PM

Attending: Timi Bates, Tom Carty, David Gallagher, Amelia Sydosky, James Wagman, Mike Stertz, Eileen Cohen, Joan Wallstein, Lex Lalli

First of all thanks to all who came on relatively short notice at a slightly inconvenient time! You guys are the best. Welcome to new member of committee, Eileen Cohen.

1. TOWN HALL RESTORATION. Roof work, flashing, chimney, etc. is almost done. The scaffolding should be down this week or next. Then Victor and MIKE KIEFER (Sheldon Glass) will start on the windows. (So glad to hear Mike is on the team!) They will start with the window in the back over the old staircase shed as it is in the worst shape, then do the front windows and painting.

2. TOWN HALL/TOWN PARK EVENT JUNE 7 –

We plan to have the event on Saturday June 7 at 4 PM. It will be joint effort with Hamlet Committee. HH – **Amelia, Tom, Joan, James** will help with event.

1. Invitation - invite to all donors, all who live in historic district, all committees, historic house owners outside of district, business alliance, sheriff, fire department, RJ Historical Society, library board. PLEASE SEND ON INVITE WHEN YOU GET IT TO ALL FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES!

Will send all invites by email (**Tom has all the lists**). **Lex and Mike D.** will work on invitation copy. Will put RSVP to see who is coming (anticipate 50)/

2. Refreshments - Historic Hillsdale and Hamlet Committee will split cost of refreshments. We will provide people to set up and take down.

3. We want to prepare a little program booklet that lists ALL the donors to both projects, says a little about the Park and about Town Hall. **Lex will draft, Howard** will edit. Need to find someone to get it designed and printed up. **Can anyone help with this?**

4. PR etc. **Lex and Mike D.** will work on press release and Howard will edit. **Tom has press list.** We will list on town website. Put invites on bulletin boards around town.

5. Plaque – Plaque will list all donors who gave \$1000 or more. **Tom will get the names to Lex, Lex will write a line or two of copy and send it to Matt White who will get a price on the plaque.** Hillsdale Town Board has agreed to pay for plaque which will go inside Town Hall.

6. Program - **Lex and Mike D to organize.**

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3. HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGNS – Mike Stertz will inspect, repair and paint all four signs. THANKS MIKE.

4. HISTORIC MARKER ON ROUTE 22– HH gave \$100, work is assigned.

5. HOUSE TOUR AUGUST 16 – report by Timi

1. The House Tour will take place on Saturday, August 16, on Collins Street. Six to seven houses have been lined up.
2. Patrons Party on Sunday August 17 at Aubergine, \$100. Patrons will be acknowledged.
3. Tickets are \$35 and will be sold in advance and at Town Hall.
4. Exhibit planned for Town Hall.
5. Box Lunch will be provided if people reserve in advance. Tent will be set up and Peter Cipkowski will talk at lunch about history of Collins Street.
6. Map will be available at Town Hall on day of event.
7. Money raised in previous house tours went to hiring consultants to do survey and prepare application for Historic District status, design and fabricate and install the four Historic District signs, Town Hall exterior restoration, and tax credit workshops and brochure.
8. Money raised at this year's House Tour will go towards historic marker at Rail Trail, informational signage about historic character of Hillsdale in Hamlet.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Rail Trail – Copake Falls to Orphan Farm Road will be done by the State (Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation), thanks to Governor Cuomo. **WRITE TO GOVERNOR THANKING HIM FOR THIS.** The portion from Anthony Street to Black Grocery received a grant and Rail Trail Association is seeking matching funds. Section has been graded and paving will be done in 2015 pending funding.
2. Sidewalks – No design has been done yet for project. Project expected to be completed in 2015-2016.
3. New HH Committee Member recommended by **David Gallagher – Jamie Johnson.** Lex has met her and they will get together to give her background about HH. Jamie will be invited to next meeting.
4. Suggestions for speakers in Historic Preservation series at Library:
James Wagman suggested Joan from Hammertown. She just wrote a book and is a very good speaker. James also suggested Anthony Archer Wells, landscape designer who lives in Copake Falls. **James will ask both of them if they will speak and then Lex will go to Library Program Committee to set up dates. James – please get emails.**
5. Gave information on how to get Tax Credits for repairs to conforming buildings in the Historic District to Eileen Cohen – suggest that all realtors who have business in Hillsdale be made aware of tax credit program.