

HISTORIC HILLSDALE MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 13

PRESENT: Mike, Jay, Peter, Timi, David, Amelia, Lex

NEXT MEETING: Sunday July 19 or 26 AT 10 AM AT TOWN HALL

NOTES ON MEETING: LOTS GOING ON!

1. THE TOLL HOUSE

Bill Krattinger (regional NYS Preservation officer) was sure that the Toll House qualified for designation on National Register (NRHP). However, if it were moved away from the site it would lose designation. Designation can be restored depending on where it is moved and what it is used for. Bill wants to come back before July 12 to revisit the house. The owner of the property wants a letter of understanding in which are listed the price of \$30,000 and other requests. (NOTE: LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AT THIS TIME AS NO ENTITY WISHES TO COMMIT) Peter is in touch with person who moved house in Millerton to the rail trail to learn about costs, feasibility.

QUESTION WAS RAISED: **IS IT WORTH IT? HOW CAN THAT BE DETERMINED?**

TOLL HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL PUT TOGETHER ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE TOLL HOUSE AND ITS HISTORY, WHY IT SHOULD BE SAVED, COSTS, AND A STRATEGIC PLAN. PERHAPS THEY CAN FIND PARTNERS OR ADVISORS FROM PRESERVATION LEAGUE OF NY, GREENPORT TOLL HOUSE. HH WILL PUT IN PLACE A PLAN FOR PRESENTATION TO TOWN BOARD, HAMLET COMMITTEE, AND THE PUBLIC(SEE BELOW). **NEW MEMBERS NEEDED TO HELP!****

2. INCREASE VISIBILITY FOR HISTORIC HILLSDALE

- **HH to sponsor a public program on the Toll House at the Library in the fall**, after strategic plan for saving it has been completed. This will inform the public of the status of the Toll House and learn if there is a consensus to proceed.

TOLL HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL PUT THIS TOGETHER. PETER (HISTORIAN), FRAN (PRESERVATIONIST), JAMES, (ARCHITECT) PANEL MODERATED BY TIMI? TIMI WILL GET A DATE FROM THE LIBRARY.

- **A program about the history of the farm which is now the RoeJanPark will be sponsored by Historic Hillsdale at the farmer's market.** Nicole liked the idea a lot and said it could be held inside the barn somewhere. Details and dates remain to be worked out.

*****WHO IS THE BEST PERSON TO TAKE OVER THIS PROJECT? WHO WOULD BE THE RIGHT SPEAKER ON THIS TOPIC:???**

3. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS FOR HISTORIC HILLSDALE –

- USING 1956 MAP AT CROSSROADS TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC HOUSES, FIND GRANT FOR INVENTORY OF HOUSES,
- CEMETERY RESEARCH? IS THERE AN INVENTORY OF CEMETERIES IN HILLSDALE?
- INVESTIGATE FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF BARNS IN AGRICULTURAL USE, HISTORIC ROADS PROGRAMS AT DOT, ADAPATIVE REUSE PROJECTS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BASED ON PRESERVATION).
- COLLABORATION WITH COPAKE IRON WORKS ON HISTORY OF IRON INDUSTRY IN HILLSDALE.
- PHOTO CONTEST OF HISTORIC HILLSDALE – SEE GOSSIPS OF RIVERTOWN BLOG.
*****VOLUNTEERS???? GET STUDENTS FROM PRESERVATION PROGRAMS AS INTERNS?**

4. ROE JAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY -

RJHS annual meeting, speaker on CCC camps– Friday, June 19. 6 pm, Swiss Hutte

New exhibition opening – Summer camps in Roe Jan area. Opening Friday, July 3 5-7 pm at museum in Copake Falls

All HH members – you can join the RJHS for \$15!

In the Fall -Talk by Peter Cipkowski on history of Hillsdale part two.

Idea: Identify where RoeJan authors lived in- past and present - **Jay Rohrlich working on ALAN DEVOE, others.**

Idea: Contact with other towns with preservation organizations or interest in preservation – offer information, assistance.