

Notes Historic Hillsdale Saturday, December 12

Attendees:

Lex, Tom, Eileen, Joan, Mike, Geoff, Timi, Jamie, James, Julia, Jay, Peter

Toll House:

Peter reported that Toll House owner has sealed most windows and re-secured the door.

Peter and Bill Krattinger's Toll House presentation on October 31 was well attended. Historic Hudson and Greenport Toll House folks have received tours.

There will be a program at RJHS on Columbia Turnpike on Sunday, April 10, with Peter Cipkowski and David Hart (of Greenport HS).

Peter will coordinate with Columbia County Historical Society to exhibit (possibly in Hillsdale Town Hall) early Toll House and Turnpike documents.

Today there is a meeting with representative of PLNYS about Seven to Save nomination.

At February meeting all alternatives will be explored and the committee will make a recommendation to the Town Board.

Cemeteries:

Joan reported that research is underway to identify most of cemeteries in Hillsdale (including N Hillsdale, Harlemville, Green River): location, name, affiliation, date established, mapped, sign for each cemetery designed.

Long term plans include a map and other information made available on website or brochure, try to find out names of people buried in each.

Marilyn Herrington has a book on cemeteries (as does the RJHS).

Survey:

Robina will report on survey possibilities – complete Hamlet, research all possible eligible buildings in larger Hillsdale area. Find out costs, determine sources of funds.

Other:

Last Town Board meeting of 2015 is on December 15. It will be Art, Bill and Augie's final meetings and all are invited.

Matt and Tom have selected a light for Town Hall exterior. Any left over funds will be used for new sign for Town Hall.

Mike and Joan will represent HH at Hamlet Committee.

Information on interaction between Town Hall and Committees – attached is recommendation. Notes to go to committee for ok and corrections, then to Tom who will forward them to the Town Board.

Jay will take notes in the future.

Thanks to Jay for organizing the Hawthorne Valley tour with Martin Ping.

Sally Laing declined to join HH. Lex to ask Lynn Colclough.

Historic Columbia Turnpike Mile Marker – HH will take on restoring the turnpike and getting back into place: 1. Check with Fran on mortar to use, 2. Move to former site in front of Scott Cohen's office (Gordon Bates? Richard Briggs?) Mike in charge. 3. Press release and photo op when marker is in place.

Lex to write letter to new head of CC Historical Society with Peter.

James Wagman completed survey of Toll House and presented some of his drawings. Digital copies will be posted.

James also prepared board that recreates 1981 article about history of the farm on the Roe Jan Park site. One copy will hang in the RJP Kiosk. Another copy to be used for display at Market.

Poster about Town Hall history, also from James, left at Town Hall.

Arrange for tour of Copake Iron Works in spring.

Meeting with Fran from PLNYS. Fran visited Toll House with Peter, Jay, Timi, James, Jamie and Lex. She seemed interested in Toll House – later had lunch with Jamie, Lex, Joan, Fran and talked more about the Toll House and Columbia Turnpike. Took her on tour of downtown Hillsdale.