

HAMLET COMMITTEE – AGENDA NOVEMBER
9AM TOWN HALL – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ATTENDEES: Mike Dvorchak; Tim Stookesberry; Laura Griffin; Bart Ziegler; Tom Carty; Lynda Brenner; Sharon Coleman; Peter Cipkowski; Robina Ward; Mike Stertz

1) APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Notes were approved.

2) TOWN BOARD UPDATE – Steve Tiger

Mike read notes from Steve Tiger, who wasn't able to attend. Tod Wohlforth's branding recommendations were unanimously approved; Hamlet Committee budget was reduced to \$3,000.

3) NEW CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE

Tom talked about the process for nominating the new chair, which involves the approval from the Town Board. We approved Bart Ziegler as our choice, pending this approval.

4) RAIL TRAIL –Tom Carty

Working with the state parks department on getting issues resolved so we can put the work out to bid. Two areas of concern: (1) culvert by Black Grocery road is considered wet lands. The culvert flows into the Roe-Jan creek. (2) area by Herrington's that's under investigation from the State Parks department regarding whether or not it's considered wetlands. Both of these issues are under investigation and will need to be resolved.

5) PARKS

Basketball Court Restoration: funds are available to initiate this project from last year's FTP luncheon. The work was stalled – the Town did not want to issue a contract for the work. Tim Stookesberry reported that the funds from FLOWER POWER 2015 luncheon were specifically designated for basketball court restoration when donations for the silent auction were solicited and tickets sold. Tim expressed his frustration that the task has not been completed in the intervening six months and before the impending winter weather.

6) TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Lighting Grant – winners of the grant announced the first week of December. Reminder that that there are funds \$4-5,000 is available for building access (a series of platforms) to the Town Hall Park. The Park was designed for this added access and part of the original plan. Peter reported that the DOT will be putting a crosswalk (lights for pedestrians) to cross the street at 22/23.

7) BEAUTIFICATION

Lynda has a clean-up scheduled for 11/15 on the entrance signs. Lynda and Tom to put together a budget for maintenance (weeding, edging, etc.) in the town parks that needs to be addressed. The bid that goes out for mowing should be extended to cover those issues.

8) BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Pumpkin Festival went very well; there was a lot of press for it. It was a cold day but it was nicely attended.

9) HISTORIC MARKER – Mike Stertz

The marker remains behind Rick Burntitus' house. It's too heavy for Rick's equipment to move, so we still need a plan for this. Robina will talk to Richard Briggs about moving it and getting it put back together and reinstalled where it was. We recommend that the Historic Hillsdale Committee take this project over from this point on (with the help of Mike Stertz, Robina Ward, Richard Briggs and Rick Burntitus) because of the important historic nature of the marker.

10) BRANDING INITIATIVE

Plan was approved for the new branding guidelines. Fundraising would need to happen to replace signs, etc. Peter said that Tod is updating the town seal now as a next step. Laura reported Tod has volunteered to do a generic mockup design for a new town brochure (information to be supplied later by local merchants and HBA) and would help with the choosing the winner of the town slogan contest. Slogan as well of other initiatives subject to Board approval.

11) FARMER'S MARKET – Laura reported that the RJ Park would like to close the windows of the Harvest barn for extended seasonal use.

12) NEXT MEETING DATE: EARLY JANUARY, 2016 TBD