

**HAMLET COMMITTEE – AGENDA JULY 2015**  
**9AM TOWN HALL – SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015**

Attendees: Tim Stookesberry; Mike Dvorchak; Tom Carty; Bill Sullivan; Kelly Fox; Paul Amash; Eileen Cohen; Steve Tiger; Robina Ward; Peter Cipkowski; Lynda Brenner; Joan Wallstein; Jeff Paige

**APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Notes were approved.

**TOWN BOARD UPDATE – Steve Tiger**

Town Board talked about doing something for Bette Gallup in the park. Ideas include planting a tree, or naming the children's park after her? Kelly suggest the idea of coordinating this with the food pantry fundraiser. Steve will bring to the Town Board.

**RAIL TRAIL –Tom Carty**

Fundraising Update: the house that was donated to the Rail Trail sold – so the fundraising is done at this point. HVRT is still trying to locate the owner of the land that needs to be purchased. Kelly offered to help – Tom will get her the name of the owners.

**PARKS**

Park Appreciation Day: we need to schedule this. Tim will schedule a meeting with Jill to discuss the placement of the bleachers. Should we consider getting gravel under the bleachers instead. Steve suggested a covering that is durable and cost effective. Tim to discuss with Bill and Jill.

Basketball Court renovation: Bill Sullivan to get a proposal for the resurfacing/lights/new posts to Jill.

Veteran's Memorial: Richard Briggs is going to remove the Evergreens; we'll schedule a weeding session soon (possibly the same day as Park appreciation day).

Jeff Paige did a great job with the trench underneath the fence. The fence needs to be painted at appreciation day. Can we get a donation of gravel – more durable than wood chips? Tim will discuss with Jill.

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Historic Lighting: Our grant writer, Victor Cornelius, needs to get a scope of work in order to apply for it. The grant is due at the end of July. The scope of work is being done now. There's some letter writing that needs to happen attached with

this grant plan is to get the Hillsdale Business Alliance to help. Mike to contact Victor to get form letter.

Update on Power Lines: Robina was able to get a meeting with NYSEG/Charter/Fairpoint – the power lines can't come down because they service all of Western Massachusetts. We got a firm answer that the lines can't be buried. The Committee thanks Robina for her diligence and work in making the meeting happen.

Sidewalk project: Tom reported that there were nine property owners that will be impacted during the construction – it's a small piece of land that's impacted (six inches) – that land will be temporarily used during the construction and put back to normal after the work is done. This is a cost-savings for the project as a specialty firm and lawyers will not have to be engaged.

Mike brought up getting stairs to the Town Hall park (we have the funds to cover this and was part of the original design). Tom to investigate. Because the project is going to cost less than anticipated, there may be room in the budget for "sidewalk amenities." The Committee will discuss at length at our August meeting in preparation for the public meeting.

Public meeting will be held in late August/early September. Construction will be in the fall of 2016.

### **BEAUTIFICATION**

Gardens – Lynda reported that the gardens have been mulched (thanks Mike & Tim). Everyone agrees all 3 entrance gardens look great. Thanks to all the volunteers.

### **BIKE RACKS**

Tim to discuss this with Jill, too. We need to get these placed in the Hamlet Park. This can happen soon.

### **BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

Arts Festival Update: there will be a meeting at the Mt. Washington on Wednesday, July 8. Steve said there's some concern about getting enough artists to participate. The rest of the plans seem to be coming together nicely. Mike will call Patti Rohrlich to help round up artists. Steve said we could have the town.

### **]HISTORIC MARKER:**

No updates. Robina asked Richard to move this and he agreed.

## **BRANDING INITIATIVE**

There was a Hillsdale Economic Development committee meeting last week, where the branding work was unveiled. Their biggest concern was that the town government needs to get behind this initiative in practice and monetarily in order for it to be successful. Also raised was the issue of making sure that the signage is inclusive of more than just the Hamlet. Can some of the signs be paid for as part of the “sidewalk amenity” money? – Tom will follow up. Steve also brought up the fact that Harlemville wants to be included in this work which would be a welcome development as Harlemville is a great destination in Hillsdale. Steve to reach out to a Harlemville representative.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: AUGUST 2, 2015**