

HAMLET COMMITTEE – AGENDA AUGUST 2015
9AM TOWN HALL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

- 1) APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM LAST MEETING
- 2) TOWN BOARD UPDATE – Steve Tiger
- 3) BRANDING INITIATIVE – Steve Tiger
- 4) RAIL TRAIL – Bart
- 5) BEAUTIFICATION – Lynda
- 6) FLAGS – NSYEG has informed us that the flags on their property (flag poles) is against their regulations and insist that they be removed. The Highway Department will be removing the flags hopefully this week at which time they should stay down until this situation is resolved.
- 7) BUSINESS ALLIANCE
 - a) Arts Festival – Laura Perrone Griffin

We sold about \$110 worth of Hillsdale swag, money being held for next Artswalk, will hang onto remaining swag until after Pumpkin Fest (10/17). thank you!

- a) We passed out an artist survey, got 11 back so far. 10 of them want to come back. One artist in the crowd asked to be put on the list for next time. Will be sending a survey to the businesses tomorrow by email; Passiflora for one already reported that the event made a huge impact on his sales.
- 2) PUMPKIN FESTIVAL – Laura Perrone Griffin
 - a) Laura is chairing. Is the HC interested in holding a bake sale again? in the village square, 12-4. Let Official event email is: pumpkinfestival@hillsdalebusinessalliance.com, FB page is HillsdaleNYpumpkinfestival (210 fans).
- 3) PARKS
 - i) The month of September has become very volunteer event heavy with the Arts Festival and the Roe Jan Ramble. Motion to postpone Park Appreciation Day to postponed to the Spring was approved.
- 4) TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
 - a) Mike reiterated his opinion projects like this are won or lost in the planning phase. Most the hard planning work and consensus building was accomplished with the Project for Public Spaces Plan, which gets us 90% of the way there. However, the last 10% is crucial. The time frame for design decisions was far too short and the final decision based on a very small number of submissions. To ensure the long-term viability of the project, he strongly suggest that the more community input be sought – especially those businesses and residences in the Hamlet.

By my calculations the Hamlet Committee involved in raising almost a half a millions dollars for Hillsdale – and this Committee found, hired, funded and guided the grant writer who was able to win an \$800,000 grant for the town.

This is in addition to the project we initiated, maintained and/or supported – the Hillsdale Arts Festival, the Hillsdale Business Alliance, the Hillsdale Branding Project, the Vet Memorial and its gardens, the late lamented Hillsdale Flea Market, the Flower Power Luncheon, new playground equipment for the Park, the new entrance gardens, the Hillsdale Gardeners, the Town Hall Park, the Hillsdale Farmer’s Market, The Pumpkin Festival, the Roe Jan Ramble, the Rail Trail Extension, Flags for the Hamlet and, of course, our pièce to résistance – the PPS PLAN created under the guidance of my predecessor and from which we take our inspiration for almost all of the ideas above and continue to mine for new initiatives.

I have been the Chair for the past four years and, as detailed above, they have been extraordinary successful and beneficial to Hillsdale. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead this committee for the last four years. I am, as we all should be, extraordinarily proud of what we have achieved together.

Because of new work commitments in – not so oddly enough professional fundraising – I am resigning as Chair of the Hamlet Committee. I want to thank each and every one of you for all the volunteerism and hard work that made all of this possible. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to lead such a dedicated band of volunteers. I especially want to thank my husband Tim, for his support and hard work with the FLOWER POWER auction and some amazing note taking.

We will be taking nominations at the next meeting, if you are interested in leading the great work of this committee, please contact Tom Carty.

I thank you all.

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015