

## HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting of Saturday Feb. 6, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall

Attendees: Bart Ziegler, Steve Tiger, Tom Carty, Eileen Cohen, Lynda Brenner, Matthew White, Joan Wallstein

### 1. Minutes from January 9 Meeting were approved.

### 2. Sidewalk project update. Steve Tiger with notes from Robina Ward, both Town Board members:

A meeting was held with GPI, the sidewalk engineering firm, on Jan.

21. (Attendees: Supervisor Peter Cipkowski, Robina Ward, Tom Carty; from GPI: Ed Snyder and Lou Bach)

- *Benches* - probably five Worlds Fair-design in metal, painted black (decision based on maintenance costs and lifespan). Can be placed on NYDOT right of way or municipal property, not on private property. Locations to be determined.
- *Trees* – Only possible location is two in front of Mt. Washington House. Further discussion required on types and exact locations.
- *Lighting* – Conduit will be laid under the sidewalks with two pull boxes each on north and south side of Main Street. DOT has agreed to four light posts; locations to be determined.
- Committee needs to pick style preferences for light posts; also determine where flag and banner holders, if any, will go on the posts.
- Town Board will have to maintain lights and benches.
- *Bids/Schedule* -- Current plan is for bids to go out in March; award contracts in April/May; work completion date October.
- *Visuals* – GPI will provide visuals of the project as well as large maps. These will be on display at Town Hall. Samples of concrete and brick pattern will be on display at Town Hall Park a couple of weeks prior to start of work.

### 3. Other Town Board news. Steve:

- *Memorial Day Parade/ Cullen Park Celebration* - Two years ago the Hamlet Committee decided to have a celebration on Memorial Day in 2016 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Civil War monument in Cullen Park. Area fire companies and bands rearranged their schedules so that the annual parade would be in Hillsdale this year to accommodate this celebration. The Hillsdale Fire Company will serve food and refreshments at the Firehouse after the parade.

The Hamlet Committee needs volunteers for a Memorial Day Celebration sub-committee to coordinate with the Fire Company and plan the day's activities, speeches etc.

- Town Board is considering a trash law, similar to one Copake has just passed, out of concern for the shopper newspapers being thrown on residents driveways and lawns.

#### **4. Update on town branding initiative.**

Todd Wohlforth's outstanding branding and graphics work is complete and the Committee is very grateful.

The Committee agreed that the first new sign should be outside the Town Hall and that it would work to raise funds to install additional signs at the same time, possibly four new "Welcome to Hillsdale" entry signs to replace current ones.

There is already money for one sign and there will be a small fundraising campaign to raise money for the additional signs.

#### **5. Rail trail update.** Tom Carty:

Tom has been elected to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association Executive Committee. Bids for paving the section from Black Grocery Road, near Route 22, and ending at Herrington's parking lot are expected to go out during the next month.

#### **6. Construction of "platform" steps from sidewalk to Town Hall Park.**

Joan Wallstein, Tom Carty and Matt White are looking into this and will report at next meeting. Funding is available from Town Hall Park account.

#### **7. Basketball court restoration at Hamlet Park**

Town Board plans to proceed with work in the spring. Funds are available from last year's Flower Power luncheon.

#### **8. Discussion of committee's 2016 goals:**

- *Fundraisers* – As discussed above, there will be an effort to raise approximately \$20,000 for new signs. Some of this has already been raised.
- *Seeking grant for additional historic streetlights* – Bart will meet with Victor Cornelius and report back.
- *Other town improvements committee may pursue through grants*
- New sidewalks for Anthony Street which are Town property, therefore believed simpler to accomplish since no DOT involvement.

- Buy Log Cabin so that Maple Street can be closed off, improving safety and parking possibilities.
- Possible involvement in other town activities, such the arts festival and the “Grillsdale” cooking competition planned for Roe Jan Park in late August.

9. **Business Alliance update** – Julie Kane is new chairperson.

10. **Date of next meeting** – March 19 at 9:30am.