

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 9:30 am

Attendance: Lynda Brenner, Eileen Cohen, Mike Stertz, Tom Carty, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, Joan Wallstein, Bart Ziegler. Joanna Virello (organizer of Grillsdale event).

1. Minutes from March 19 meeting were approved.□

2. Discussion of sidewalk project including lighting.
Robina Ward.

- **Sidewalk construction.** On schedule for bids to go out May; Award expected in June.

- **Lighting.** As discussed in past, conduit will be laid for the full length of the sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. Four streetlights are included initially - 2 on north side, two on south: at Mt. Washington House and former B&G building; IGA and Cullen Park. “Pull boxes” for future streetlights per hamlet’s Project for Public Spaces plan will be in place and marked.

- **Additional Streetlight Funding.** Grant sources will be researched. Committee discussed looking at sources other than Community Development Block Grants and emphasizing items such as energy efficiency, safety and crime prevention, and historic significance in the applications.

3. Update on town Branding Initiative.

The Town Board has fully approved the initiative.

- As described in Feb. 6 notes, several signs with new town logo are planned. Cost of signs estimated by Tod Wohlfarth at \$3,000 for entrance signs and \$1,500 for Town Hall sign. Funding is in place for Town Hall sign and one entrance sign. A small list of past donors will be approached for funds still needed.

4. Rail trail update. Tom Carty

- **Paving of Hillsdale/Copake Portion.** State parks department has signed off on all but one small piece of bid package. Bid to go out in May. Paving start expected June/early July.
- **Roe-Jan Ramble bike ride scheduled for Sept. 24; proceeds again to Rail Trail.** Ramble Committee has requested more help from Hillsdale this year as some of the Copake folks who have been most involved in the past cannot be this year. Tom Carty, Lynda Brenner, Joan Wallstein and Bart Ziegler agreed to attend the Ramble Planning Meeting on May 14.
- **Columbia and Dutchess Counties will partner to apply for an \$8 million grant for rail trail: \$5 million to pave Millerton**

to Copake's Boston Corners; \$3 million for tunnel under Route 22 and three bridges needed to cross Roe Jan Creek to link to the Hillsdale portion of the trail.

5. Hillsdale garden maintenance contract set to be awarded at special Town Hall meeting immediately after the Hamlet Committee meeting.

- Scope of services includes weeding, mulching, pruning of Town Hall Park, Hamlet Park, Vets Memorial, entrance sign gardens.

6. Basketball court restoration. Status of Town Board issuing a contract using funds from last year's Flower Power event.

- Specs are being finalized and bids will go out shortly.

7. Discussion of committee's 2016 goals:

- Hamlet Committee will be supportive but not officially involved in Memorial Day parade, Arts Festival and Grillsdale event.
- The status of the Arts Festival was unclear. Committee members will follow up with planners to find out when and if the event will happen this year.
- Joanne Virello attended the Hamlet Committee meeting and described the Grillsdale event she and her partner are planning at the Hilltop Barn in the Roe Jan Park on Aug. 27. There will be an admission fee. Profits will go to the rail

trail.

▫ **8. Date of next meeting: Saturday, May 14 at 11a.m.** to allow Committee members to attend the Roe Jan Ramble meeting in Copake.