

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, at 9:30 am

Attendance: Peter Cipkowski, Jeff Paige, Bart Ziegler, Lynda Brenner, Eileen Cohen, Joan Wallstein, Tom Carty, Matthew White, Kelly Fox, Laura Griffin

1. Minutes from Aug. 20 meeting were approved.

2. Sidewalk Project and Street Lighting Update – Peter
 - a. DOT has given green light. Bids will go out this week for Spring 2017 start. We are hoping that funds will cover conduit and “stub ups” for lighting on north side of street.
 - b. DOT found storm drain problem; DOT will repair at no cost to Town. Work will be coordinated with sidewalk installation. Street will not be torn up twice.
 - c. We applied to State Sen. Marchione for funding--\$85,000--from state Dormitory Authority to pay for historic light fixtures. Peter wrote supporting letter.

3. New Town Signs - Bart
 - a. Work does not have to go through formal bid process as all money is private, not from Town. That should speed up the process of obtaining the signs.
 - b. Prices appear to be less than estimated and we think funds raised will cover all four entry signs and Town Hall sign.

4. Rail Trail – Tom Carty
 - a. All approvals have been received and clearing and paving contracts have been signed for the trail section from Route 22 to Anthony Street.
 - b. Drainage pipe under Anthony Street is being evaluated; if it needs to be replaced this will be a major expense and delay. If not, paving could be done this year.
 - c. A major fundraising campaign will be required for tunnel construction under Route 22.

5. Basketball Court Restoration
 - a. No movement. Tom will work with Robina on this project.

6. Roe Jan Ramble – Saturday, Sept. 24.
 - a. Group organizing the bike ride continues to plan two rest stops in Hillsdale – one at Town Hall; the other at the dump.
 - b. Ramble Committee has folks to staff both stops; Julie Kane generously volunteered to help out at Town Hall.

7. Arts Festival Update – Was a success. A repeat in 2017 is planned; possibly 8/26.

8. Bike racks for Hamlet Park and Town Hall are on the schedule for installation by the Highway Department; Highway Department are also working on clearing Rail Trail.

9. Scaled down Pumpkin Festival Oct. 22 – Several local businesses will organize it. Hamlet Committee will help put together a bake sale. Need bakers.

Next Hamlet Committee meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9:30am.