

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday Feb. 18, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Attendance: Chair Bart Ziegler, Tom Carty, Laura Perone Griffin, Lynda Brenner, Jeff Paige, Mary Langley, Eileen Cohen

1. Minutes from January meeting were approved

2. Sidewalk Project and Street Lighting Update

If there is excess funding from the sidewalk project it is hoped that the state Department of Transportation would allow the money to be used for additional lighting. The existing project includes just four light poles. Another option would be to look to town businesses for funding to back up the state's.

3. Climate Smart Committee

Tom: The committee has developed a unified solar permit as have some other towns, for the building inspector's use, to encourage installation of home or business solar panels.

4. Town Signs

Bart and Tod Wohlfarth met with sign maker NancyScans of Chatham, which walked them through the process. The signs would be made from high density urethane, which is as durable as wood, for a cost of \$1,300 per entrance sign. The company indicated there is no flexibility in price.

Jeff Budd of Hillsdale would create the posts and other ironwork for the signs for an estimated cost of \$1,800 each. Jeff has indicated he would try to lower the final price if possible.

Questions were raised as to whether using wooden posts would be less expensive and aesthetically acceptable.

Some committee members said wood won't be as durable. Tod, who spent countless hours of pro bono time designing the signs, has indicated he would need to redesign them to fit onto wooden posts, and that they would not be compatible with the look he created.

5. Rail Trail extension

Tom: Paving will begin as soon as weather permits

6. Basketball Court repaving

Mike Stertz is expected to get back to the committee after speaking to some contractors.

7. Flea Market, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend

Laura: An initial press release went out last week, and publicity has been ongoing on a dedicated Facebook page and other Facebook sites. She showed sample flyers done by Paul Amash and asked for feedback. They were received in a positive way, with some general comments about wording and size of print. Vendors will be the first targeted audience of the posters, followed by attendees.

Suggestions were made to include some craft and antiques vendors. An antiques appraisal booth with Seth Fallon of Copake Auction and Hillsdale resident and art expert David Gallagar is being looked into.

Laura's Committee will outreach to them. They'll also explore access to rental tables with the fire department, that the vendors could rent on their own.

A budget of \$200 will be needed for advertising. Participants would pay \$30 per space and there will also be a bake sale which, in the past, brought in about \$300. The fire department would do hamburgers etc. volunteers will be needed the day before for set up of the space as well as the day of for various tasks.

8. Town Board news

A new form for registering town events is being created.

9. Future Committee Projects

Peter, Tom and Bart met and considered looking for grant money with fundraiser Victor Cornelius for other projects. A master plan for the Hamlet Park, sidewalks for Anthony Street, a reconfiguring of Maple Street as well as the purchase of the empty lot on Main Street for possible use as parking were discussed.

In regard to increasing parking availability, it was noted that some of the business parking areas on the north side of Main Street may be combined.

10. Next meeting planned for March 11 at 9 a.m.