

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday June 17, 2017, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Attending: Paul Amash, Lynda Brenner, Peter Cipkowski, David Gallager, Jeff Paige, Laura Perrone Griffin, Mike Stertz, Steve Tiger, Robina Ward, Bart Ziegler, Joan Wallstein.

1. Minutes from last meeting were approved.

2. Flea market: A big success: Approximately \$1,700 raised. There were 44 vendors present. All were sent electronic questionnaires about the experience and 19 responded. 17 said they would return next year; two said they would not but would recommend it to others. All said Memorial Day weekend was the best time to hold the event.

3. Sidewalks: Work is going smoothly. South side will be completed shortly. Then north side will start. Bids came in lower than budget so Cullin Park granite curb was added. Also, sidewalk will extend a bit further to the west on north side than originally planned. Five crosswalks are planned: three on Route 23, one on Anthony and one on Route 22.

4. Streetlights: Installation of 14 historic-design streetlights expected in September.

5. New town entry signs: Production expected to be complete in several weeks.

6. Rail trail progress: The Hillsdale section is complete except for some landscaping and fencing. Ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. today. Still some work to be done on parking lot at Black Grocery Road. Discussion ensued on possible purchase of a

wayfaring sign to point to trail from the hamlet.

7. Basketball court restoration: Resurfacing done – under budget! Backboards and poles have been painted; new hoops and nets are up. Lighting to come.

8. Status of hamlet commercial buildings: Work underway at Hillsdale House. Tea/cashmere Shop in former B&G to open this summer.

9. Fundraising for additional projects:

Applications are due in July for next round of state grants. It was generally agreed that we would not be ready to apply for this round and it was noted that most state grants require town match.

- Conversations will be held with grant-writer Victor Cornelius about grant possibilities.
- Also it was agreed that there should be a meeting with the county about eventually replacing the sidewalks on Anthony Street, as this is a county road.
- At the next Hamlet Committee meeting we will discuss our goals for the next several years.

10. Date of next meeting: **Saturday, July 15.**