

Aug. 26, 2017, Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Meeting Notes

Present: Paul Amash, Eileen Cohen, Lynda Brenner, Tom Carty, Robina Ward, Bart Ziegler, Joan Wallstein

1. Notes from July 15 meeting were approved.

2. Sidewalks

- All agreed that the sidewalks look spectacular. The contractor worked efficiently while also being helpful and courteous to residents and businesses affected by the project.
- The committee expressed its thanks to Town Supervisor Peter Cipkowski and others involved in the project, in particular Town Board member Robina Ward, who worked tirelessly through the planning and installation to keep the process moving and assure that the results were something the town can be proud of.

3. Lighting

- The new streetlights were also favorably received by the committee.
- The committee hopes that the lights can be dedicated and lit during the Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 7.
- The town is looking into buying American flags for the new light poles, which contain flag holders. These will be displayed at various times of the year.

4. Other Town Board news

- Robina said that new energy-efficient LED lighting has been installed at the Hamlet Park basketball court, which was resurfaced and otherwise improved this year with funds raised by the Flowers to Power the Park luncheon.

5. New Town Signs

- Three new entry signs (south, west and north of the hamlet) will be installed mid-September to replace the decades-old “welcome” signs, which were deteriorating.
- There was discussion of the fourth entry sign, the east sign. The Committee approved the following resolution:
 - If there is sufficient funding in the Hamlet Committee account and if the East Gate Toll House Board grants permission to post the sign on their property, the Committee approves the purchase and installation of a fourth entry sign, for the east end of town.

6. Pumpkin Festival

- The Hamlet Committee again was asked to organize the bake sale. Previous bake sales at this event and at the Memorial Day Flea Market were very successful and raised a considerable amount of money for Hamlet Committee projects.
- Lynda Brenner and Joan Wallstein agree to organize donations and help staff the sale. Members of the Hamlet and Historic Hillsdale, and other town residents, will be asked to contribute baked goods and to help staff the table.

7. Rail Trail

- Discussion continued on the need to highlight the rail trail through signage and events.

8. Committee’s long-range goals

- Support for sidewalks on Anthony Street from Route 23 to the rail trail was reaffirmed. As at previous meetings it was agreed that Victor Cornelius and other grant-writers should research grants for this project.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.

