

Draft HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Sunday Jan. 14, 2018 9:30 a.m., Town Hall

Attendees: Lex Lalli, Mike Stertz, Lynda Brenner, Robina Ward, Steve Tiger, Jeff Paige, chair Bart Ziegler.

1. Any Town Board news: The committee reiterated that it believes the construction of sidewalks on Anthony Street should be the town's top priority for an improvement project. Town Board member Robina Ward said the town still awaits final reimbursement from the state for the current sidewalks, so it cannot move forward yet with additional ones. The committee discussed the idea of hiring grant writer Victor Cornelius to begin a preliminary search for funding sources for Anthony Street sidewalks, but no decision was made.
2. Treasurer's report: Tom Carty said by email that there is nothing to update

3. Town branding and design committee: Robina: Negotiations are underway with a property owner to locate an east-of-hamlet Welcome to Hillsdale sign on Route 23. Design committee awaits funding from Hamlet Committee to order this sign. A replacement Town Hall sign is in the works and funding from a donation is secured. The Town Board decided that it doesn't want to control the approval or sale of town-logo goods.
4. Update on 2018 flea market: Town Board member Steve Tiger said the committee needs to be clearer this year about where the proceeds from renting vendor spaces are deposited. There was confusion last year between using town accounts and HECDC accounts.
5. Discussion of committee's possible role in boosting visitors to town: Issue was tabled due to absence of Laura Griffin, who had raised the topic.

6. Hamlet commercial buildings and businesses: Work is moving along on renovation of Hillsdale House and construction of historic replica house adjacent to HGS Home Chef. No update on tenant/chef for Hillsdale House. Neumann Fine Art gallery is said to have closed.

7. Bart Ziegler announced that, after two years as committee chair, he regretfully will be stepping down due to increased duties at his job. He will continue in the post for a short time until a replacement can be named, and plans to remain active as a committee member after that.

8. Date of next meeting: Saturday Feb. 17

