

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Hillsdale, NY, Hamlet Committee

Monday, April 11, 2022

Present: Paul Amash, Garrin Benfield, Lisa Berman, Rob Bradley, Toby Butterfield (chair), Tom Carty, Jason Durant, Phillis Granat, Bart Ziegler

Apologies: Margaret Bower Avenia, Lynda Brenner, Gaye Hoffman, Shannon May, Robina Ward

1- Approval of amended minutes of 3/14/22.

2- Update on Town website (Phyllis Granat): The write-up on the park has been re-written with input from Jason and Margaret. Hopefully it will be approved and can get a button on the homepage. It will be distributed prior to our next meeting for review and then sent to the Board. Phyllis requested the history of the Park from Robina, whom she was told had the documents

3- Jams in the Hamlet and Budgeting: Garrin announced that Jams will go on hiatus this year. Reasons include:

- Guidelines are in flux, making this year untenable
- Rain venue - search for a site was unsuccessful; use of the Hilltop Barn denied by the Town
- Uncertainty of funding for stage/sound/etc. - anyone can apply for Town funds for these services (\$4K), so this source is uncertain

Phyllis expressed her belief that the town should have offered full support as the Jams were so appreciated by the community. Extended discussion between Tom and Jason.

The Town Board is still completing revised procedures and rules for use of Town facilities. E.g. lead time of 8 weeks for permit applications, vendors needing proof of insurance, indemnification of the Town by the person applying for the permit. Discussion among Garrin, Tom, and Jason concerning funding for Jams in the Hamlet in 2021. It was largely from donations raised from local businesses. Town had issues with how the money was reported.

Phyllis wanted to know procedures for applying to HECDC board, and expressed her willingness to serve.

4- "Welcome to Hillsdale" signage. Bart reported that the location of a sign on Rte. 23 east of the traffic light has not yet been resolved. Nobody has yet been willing to have the sign permanently placed on their property. Discussion of the location of a temporary sign. Tom Carty, chair of the Economic Development Committee, will have to approve the budget.

**Motion** (Toby Butterfield/Lisa Berman): While we welcome the decision of the Economic Development Committee to find a location for a temporary "Welcome to Hillsdale" sign, the Hamlet Committee is not in support of placing such a temporary sign at the long vacant convenience store at the intersection of Route 23 and Collins St.

Vote: 8-1 with no abstentions.

5- Planning for "I Love My Park" Day on Saturday May 7

The event is organized statewide by Parks And Trails NY, funded by the State. There is no budget, costs or revenue from this event.

6- Other event planning

Gaye reported that notice is too short for a Car Show in May or June. Hopefully, it will be held in August.

Flea Market will be held July 3.