

**Hillsdale, NY, Hamlet Committee**  
**Notes of the Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022**

Present: Paul Amash, Jr., Margaret Bower Avenia, Lisa Berman, Rob Bradley, Toby Butterfield, Tom Carty, Phillis Granat, Robina Ward, Bart Ziegler

Apologies: Garrin Benfield, Lynda Brenner, Jason Durant, Tony Gatto, Shannon May.

1- Approval of minutes of 5/9/22 meeting.

2- Introduction of Tony Gatto. Tony was not able to attend this meeting.

3- Updated copy for Town website.

Updated Hamlet Park page is now available at <https://hillsdaleny.com/hamlet-park/> Thanks to Phyllis for initiating this project and finalizing the text, and to Robina, Margaret, Jason and Lauren Letellier for their useful contributions.

3- Flea market status report.

Only 10 confirmed booths at this time.

Tom reported that deposit checks must be returned to vendors with instructions to them to reissue and mail back new checks made out to Town of Hillsdale, not the HECDC as previously instructed. Endorsement of checks to the Town of Hillsdale is not possible. Publicity will have to be revised to include revised payment instructions.

Discussion of postponement or cancellation (Robina), due to the small number of confirmed booths. Perhaps August. Perhaps combine with Pumpkin Festival (Bart). Phyllis suggested cancelling promptly.

It was decided to cancel the flea market. Toby will contact deposited vendors and announce the cancellation on social media.

5- Discussion of Falcon Ridge Folk Festival.

The festival has moved to Goshen, CT. Paul asked what if anything the Town could do to replace the event with another or attract a new one, as its absence decreases activity in the hamlet. It was decided that this item is not a concern that the Hamlet Committee can address.

## 6- Car Show

This is being sponsored by the Town, not the Hamlet Committee. A

## 7- Pumpkin Festival

Tom announced that an Event Coordinator is needed for this event. The Event Coordinator should be the same person for all events sponsored by the Hamlet Committee. He explained the new regulations and said that he would send out job descriptions for the Event Coordinator. An Events Coordinator must be appointed, or the event cannot go forward. Tom agreed that the person who serves as Event Coordinator will have to change for different events if a person ceases to be willing to serve in that role and a replacement found. Several members of the committee voiced objection to the burden of serving in the role of Event Coordinator. There was extensive discussion of the burdens of the new regulation and questions about the ongoing issue of when revenue from an event should be paid to the Town of Hillsdale, and when it should be paid to HECDC. Similarly, there were questions as to whether approval of the Town or the HECDC or both must now approve a budget for an event.

None of the Hamlet Committee members present were willing to volunteer to serve as Event Coordinator. Toby agreed to continue looking outside the Hamlet Committee for potential volunteers for the role for Pumpkin Festival, to which there were no objections. Tom repeated that unless the Committee must find an Event Coordinator for the Pumpkin Festival, and if it does not, the Pumpkin Festival will be cancelled.

## 8- Adjournment, Next Meeting

There was no time remaining for any other business. The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday August 8, 2022 from 6 to 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Bradley