

Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Meeting Notes May 3, 2025

Attendees: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Alex Bloomstein, Christine Doctor, Phyllis Granat, Lauren Letellier, Dan Levy, Tim Stookesberry, Alfred Tessier, Steve Tiger, Bart Ziegler.

1. Flea Market

Tim: 33 paid vendors, expect about 10 more. The Fire Company will sell egg sandwiches. Looking into drink options.

Will need volunteers the day before (May 23) to set up vendor spaces with lines and numbered flags.

Volunteers include Alex, Steve, Mike, Bart

2. Memorial Day Parade

UPDATE: Lauren has obtain horse and carriage, so we will not longer need oxen cut outs.

~~Lauren: Herrington's has loaned a flatbed truck that will be used for the Knox Trail float. Need to find an artist to trace silhouettes of the images of oxen and soldiers on plywood that will be cut out to place on the float. Alex said it might be easier to use a projector to project the images and trace them. The group discussed obtaining a projector.~~

Volunteers also will be needed to assemble the float the day before the parade and to march alongside it dressed as soldiers.

Mike: Several people in the theater world have said they are looking into obtaining soldier costumes.

Mike and Lauren gave a rundown of parade participants in addition to VFW members: owners of vintage cars, several floats sponsored by businesses, a Boy Scout troop, the Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee, a group of pickleball players, owners of farm tractors and dog owners.

In addition, U.S. Rep Josh Riley also may attend, Mike said. Assemblymember Barrett and Senator Hinchey also invited.

3. Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park

Shannon: The free event put on by the group Rooted Voyageurs is June 13. We need to promote it, and encourage people to bring picnics, folding chairs and blankets.

The show will be a pared-down version of 75 minutes or so. Town tent probably not needed at that time for shade.

Shannon will look into changing the time to 6:30 from 7 so that there is sufficient daylight throughout.

4. Other town events

The committee briefly discussed the possibility of another summer Hamlet Park event but nothing concrete was decided.

5. September Car Show:

Steve: The car show subcommittee hasn't met since the last Hamlet Committee meeting so there is no update. The event will not be a Town event, allowing for donations and sponsorships.

6. Route 22 rail trail bridge

Mike: Expect news shortly on whether the funding is contained in the 2026 state budget.

7. Next committee meeting: June 7 at 9 a.m. (Note change in starting time)