

Hamlet Committee notes Feb. 7, 2026, meeting. 9 AM

Held remotely due to snow.

Attendance: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Hamlet Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Dan Levy, Tim Stookesberry, Town Board member Bart Ziegler

1. Hamlet Park Bandshell: The committee discussed two options. It voted unanimously for the model from Scenic Shelters, primarily because its side and back walls are made of cedar, not the pressure-treated pine of the other model, from EnWood. Committee member Phyllis Granat also expressed support in an earlier email.

The committee discussed how cedar is more environmentally friendly and tends to stain better than pressure-treated wood. The committee's recommendation will be sent to the Town Board for its consideration.

2. Hamlet Park renovation plan: The town engineering firm, CPL, is drawing up a plan for siting the bandshell and a gravel access road that will lead to it from the sheriff's station parking lot. The plan will suggest a location for two high-power electric vehicle charging stations in the same parking lot, for which the town has received a state grant.

3. Mike discussed how the owner of the log cabin building on Route 22 is amenable to a new park entrance adjacent to this structure. This is in a very early phase and would require planning by CPL and possibly a land swap with the town.

4. Funding other Hamlet Park upgrades: The committee discussed how it will likely require state funding, town reserves, and private foundation grants, as well as hopefully fundraising by the Friends of Hamlet Park group.

5. Flag Day parade in Hudson, June 13: Will need volunteers to walk alongside the Knox Train cannon float.

6. Other 2026 plans: Easter Egg hunt, March 28, Palm Sunday, will need volunteers to stuff plastic eggs. Note: If the snow is not gone, can the Firehouse be used? Mike will ask Emily Stalker.

The Memorial Day weekend flea market will be contingent on whether the bandshell project is underway, and could interfere with using Hamlet Park.

Shannon will look into arranging Shakespeare in Hamlet Park for a July weekend.

7. Tom Carty memorial service: Mike told the group that a celebration is planned for the firehouse on April 25.