Notes from the June 2016 Hamilton Town Council Meeting

The Hamilton Town Council opened with good news from Mayor McVaugh about Good Nature Brewing. After years of planning, and with support from the Partnership for Community Development (PCD), Colgate University, New York State, as well as our Village and Town, Good Nature brewing broke ground for their new facility on State Route 12B. The new facility will feature a brewery, tasting room, retail space and event room.

Madison County recently held an informational meeting in Poolville about work on the South Hamilton Road Bridge. The County has heard concerns about the state of this county-owned bridge and shared plans for its renovation. The work will most likely begin next year, timed to cause the least impact on the local environment. In the meantime the Town is considering repairs needed to the Williams Road Bridge.

The Town Highway Garage now has a landline. The highway crew can be reached at 315-691-7054. Superintendent Glazier can be reached on his cell at 315-825-1378.

Our planning board has been busy reviewing proposed projects, including the wedding reception facility at the Poolville Country Store. As with all projects, the board is weighing the benefits along with compliance with Town zoning as well as impacts on the community. The County was asked to review the project and offer feedback. In accordance with their suggestions the board will conduct baseline studies on noise and traffic in Poolville. There will be a public hearing on the project on July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Poolville Community Center. Legals announcements are coming out soon.

In news from the County, opioid addiction continues to be a problem across the state. Addiction to prescription painkillers and heroin is on the rise. Madison County is gathering data and assessing the scope of this problem. Local citizen support groups for those impacted by opioid addiction are forming in Chenango and Madison County.

The Hamilton Town Council meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Town of Hamilton office at 16 Broad Street in the Village of Hamilton at 6:30 pm. **Our next meeting is July 14 at 6:30** pm. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit www.townofhamiltonny.org.

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