

## Notes from the September 2015 Hamilton Town Council Meeting

The September Hamilton Town Council meeting opened with news and comments from attendees. Hamilton Village Mayor Bob McVaugh spoke about the Village's new deer harvesting program, to be conducted at the end of September with the help of local bow hunters. A second harvest may take place in January. Property owners who live outside of the Village of Hamilton and are experiencing negative impacts from deer can obtain nuisance permits from the DEC (information at the Hamilton Town office.)

Our highway department has been busy with end of summer tasks, repairing roads and equipment before the snow flies. Construction on the new salt shed, an opened ended fabric covered steel framed structure with a concrete base, will take place in September and October.

The Ambulance Service Community Working Group (ASCWG) continues to meet and consider ways to keep ambulance service in Hamilton viable, efficient, and able to meet the challenges of the ever evolving emergency services field. At the next ASCWG meeting SOMAC will report on its budget and representatives from Sherburne's ambulance service will speak about their business model. The meeting takes place at SOMAC on September 28 at 6:30pm.

After hosting informational meetings on September 15, 16, 17 the Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday September 26 at 9:30am at the Poolville Community Center. While the informational meetings were venues to learn about and discuss the revised Comprehensive Plan, the Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to officially comment on the plan. More information about the plan and the public hearing can be found on the Town website.

The Partnership for Community Development has a new director, Jennifer Marotto Lutter. Under this new leadership, and with support from Colgate and the Village and the Town of Hamilton, the PCD is refocusing and expanding its work. New projects include working with new home buyers, increasing regional access to local food, exploring local broadband improvements, and expanding the Chenango Canal trails.

It is budget season, and the first workshop for the 2016 budget is scheduled for Tuesday September 29 at 7pm in the Hamilton Office. At the next Town Council Meeting, on October 8, the Town Council will consider a Local law to override the State tax cap for the 2016 budget.

Please note, the Hamilton Town Council now meets at **6:30 instead of 7pm**. 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. The next regular meeting is Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 pm. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit [www.TownofHamiltonNY.org](http://www.TownofHamiltonNY.org).

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