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**Notes from the Hamilton Town Council**

As usual, remarks from community attendees opened our March 15th Hamilton Town Council meeting. A petition from a Hamilton Village resident was presented in support of renaming Triangle Park in honor of well loved Hamiltonians Mayf and Judy Pleznarsky. Mayor Margaret Miller updated us on proposed a milk processing plant to be located within the town.

Our highway department has been kept busy with plowing and maintaining roads to keep up with the seemingly endless winter weather. Highway Superintendent Glazer and Councilor Darby reported on meetings with Birnie Bus. The company is interested in building a bus garage in the town that could be shared to house vehicles from the town, village and Colgate University. This could be an opportunity to save money for all entities with a move to more efficient shared facilities.

Our discussion of records retention continued. Justice Haight and Councilor Todd reported on the large number of records currently being held in the town office and court building. Our records retention committee is researching best practices to better manage the town's public documents and relieve some of the storage issues associated with keeping unneeded paperwork. The committee has applied for an Upstate Institute fellow from Colgate University to assist with the work this summer.

Members of the Town Council attended the Town of Lebanon board meeting where SOMAC was discussed. Along with Lebanon we are exploring the creation of a taxing district to generate revenue to support SOMACs much needed services. At the same meeting DELTA Engineering gave a presentation about their road use protection plan. This is the same plan Town of Hamilton has resolved to participate in, along with some of our neighboring municipalities. Councilor Rossi reported that the Energy Working Group urges Madison County to reopen its consideration of a countywide road protection plan and take leadership on this issue.

Nan Stolezenburg of Community Planning and Environmental Associates and Jeanie Gleisner from the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board submitted pricing information on comprehensive plan development. The Town Council agreed to arrange a meeting with Nan Stolzenberg to discuss next steps in starting work with her firm on a review, community and environmental assessments, and amendment of our existing plan.

The Hamilton Town Council meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Town of Hamilton office in the Village of Hamilton at 7pm. Our next regular meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2013. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit <http://www.townofhamiltonny.org/>

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