

Press Release – 7/19/12

Notes From the Hamilton Town Council

The July 12 Hamilton Town Council meeting convened early to accommodate Symphony Syracuse performance on the village green.

Our Town Highway Department has been busy keeping our roads in good condition and doing summer cleanup. We have started to implement our new capital plan for selling and maintaining equipment, with two vehicles sold this season. The goal is to rotate trucks and plows in a way that will maximize their usefulness and minimize their cost of operation. We are also looking into Madison County's Solarize Madison project to bring solar energy to the town garage. We hope to reduce our energy footprint and save money.

We are pleased to welcome Sue Reymers to our Town Office. Sue will be working part time as bookkeeper.

The town council continues to be active on energy issues. The Madison Town Board passed the 12-month wind moratorium. We will stay involved in the process as Madison works on new regulations for industrial wind development.

Our new Energy Working Group met for the first time to research and advise the town council on energy issues and identify actions that ensure the most benefit and minimize the chance of any harm from energy development in Hamilton. The group makes recommendations to the town council, but does not make policy. Composed of diverse community members with a variety of expertise, affiliations and property ownership, the group includes Elaine Hughes, Peter Klepeis, Harvey Kliman, Greg Owens, Jody Palmer, Rich Pancho, and Mike Welshko. Town Council members Peter Darby and Chris Rossi are the contacts for the Energy Working Group and oversee meetings. The team is educating itself on High Volume Hydrofracking Gas Development issues, reviewing the town zoning and looking forward to working with the town council in finding positive ways to handle the energy issues that have been so divisive in other communities. The Town Council will keep the Hamilton community updated on the work through the press, our town website, and public meetings.

The Hamilton Town Council usually meets every second Thursday of the month at the Town of Hamilton office in the Village of Hamilton at 7pm. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit <http://www.townofhamiltonny.org/>

Submitted by Chris Rossi, Hamilton Town Council