

I. Village Character

3. Comments

1 I think “the Village” worries about its “character” too much.

2 Beacon is overshadowing us in terms of wonderful character of Main Street. There needs to be more focus on variety, arts, culture and change to improve things for our local businesses!

3 Need to support local businesses! Encourage home business.

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5 Decrease reliance on oil as energy source – encourage pedestrians and discourage so much driving in the village.

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8 Burying power lines may cost but will make a huge difference.

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16 It’s essential to maintain the character of Cold Spring while making room for controlled progress – like the handsome new townhouses across from the Hudson House. I would like to see CS take the lead locally to adopt solar power and other “green” energy sources.

17 Stop the building of more and more huge homes and complexes. Keep our village small. Keep out trash.

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21 The trolley should have more publicity. It’s very under-utilized. Coordinate with Metro North?

22 Arts tourism – for concerts, Shakespeare, music outdoors – is an excellent thing!

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25 Develop the positives - why do people visit and live in Cold Spring? The "small-town" amenities, Main Street, beautiful historic nature, access of boats to our Main Street, public access.

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31 Open space - don't let OSI have anything to do with it.

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36 It is important to keep village safe and beautiful.

37 All are important, but the three I checked [F: quality of our water supply, H: planting and caring for trees along streets, R: pedestrian safety in the village] I think are the most because that applies to all ages the most for health.

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40 I would hope that franchises (Starbucks, McDonalds) would not be permitted to come to Cold Spring.

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45 Not valid: Did not check whether resident or not.

46 Everything is important, so hard to rank. Burying lines is a nice idea but who will pay? Very expensive proposition; I would not be willing to pay.

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53 Limit on-street parking so that it isn't congested.

54 not enough handicap ramps on sidewalks

55 The reason many people moved here to Cold Spring is because we like the "small-town" feeling of this town. If you further develop it, all the reasons you moved here are gone.

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63 Character of the village should reflect historic preservation and environmental responsibility.

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71 This was a very hard choice. Almost equally important is the vitality of local businesses. It is very closely linked to A [keeping the "small town/village" character]. Also, Tots Park is badly in need of updating and it would be nice to have an older kids' playground aside from school yard.

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78 As business diversifies, more people from outside will be drawn. Stop ticketing tourists with such frequency.

79 It is important that business thrives, so that Cold Spring is a destination – good for business owners and home owners. The village should be business-friendly to restaurants and shop owners.

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84 Need to encourage economic vitality and preserve small town/village character at the same time.

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87 Not only “preserving” the character of Main Street but improving it by fixing facades and replacing dilapidated bldgs with nice ones. Please get rid of all neon signs in town; those flashing signs are obnoxious.

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91 Cold Spring should maintain its quiet, small town character.

92 Cold Spring should maintain its small town character, which makes it a quiet haven from an encroaching commercialized world.

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95 The parks are already wonderful so focus on maintenance rather than change. Also, issues such as development in surrounding areas should be left to town and county. Don't focus outside of jurisdiction unless cooperation is warranted. Tax dollars are important for water, sewer, roads, quality of life and economic stability.

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98 So many of these issues depend on the circumstances at the time a given decision is to be made. Therefore, it is impossible in many cases to know in advance whether a given issue is in the best interests of the community.

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101 We need to keep Cold Spring an attractive destination, without having it be overrun.

102 The idea of sprawl (as I've seen in nearby towns) worries me.

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106 *Not valid: Did not check whether resident or not.*

107 A ferry service to the village and encouragement of the arts would be very welcome.

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109 Re R [pedestrian safety in the village]: more handicap access to stores and restaurants.

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111 We are losing older trees, very beautiful trees, continuously. Very few are being replaced (re-planted). This makes the village less attractive. We have more asphalt and fewer trees than 20 years ago. Surrounding forest land is the greatest attraction of Cold Spring.

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121 Tourism is a necessary "evil." Let's try to reduce its impact, i.e. littering, car alarms (can't we fine for this?), more signage to direct to parking other than crowding out residents on village streets.

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126 Maintaining the village's historic character and integrity is paramount for preservation reasons, and to ensure that Cold Spring continues to attract visitors and new residents. This should be balanced with the practical realities faced by home owners -- who must repair, maintain, and live in their homes using contemporary technologies and materials.

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135 Maintaining scenic views is another high priority.

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145 The "small town/village" character is what makes Cold Spring unique. Main Street should be preserved!

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147 1) Playgrounds are all improved as is. 2) Maintaining open space in the village is nice if you can find any. 3) We need some type of inexpensive fast food in the village. Even senior citizens on occasion would like a Big Mac.

148 I grew up in the late 50s-60s in Fishkill (the village) and saw what "progress" did. Don't let it happen again, please.

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159 The village is seriously overbuilt already. The ecosystem of the village cannot support it.

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169 Cold Spring's biggest asset is its character as a walking community. Maintaining its small-town, accessible feel is essential to its continued development. That means centralized resources, an active Main Street community, and support for a car-less lifestyle.

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171 Make better parking. Take some lawn space at waterfront.

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175 If village trustees allow unrestricted growth of residences and business, Cold Spring will become as ugly as Fishkill or most of Westchester. Creative planning must be employed to preserve the village's small-town character but also to allow our citizens to live and thrive here.

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177 dog park

178 I'd like to see some antique-looking lights on Main Street.

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181 The village has no control over development and open space in the surrounding areas. Burying utility lines would make the Main Street attractive but the cost is prohibitive and taxes are high enough.

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184 *Not valid: Did not check whether resident or not.*

185 Re E: Bury the utility lines on Route 9D.

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187 There is already too much open space (untaxed property) in and around the village.

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191 Re U [more parking 9D to the river]: Respect the fact people live on this road. It is not a highway in the village. It is not a speedway or big, untapped parking potential. Don't further abuse the residents of this road.

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193 Cold Spring needs a new burst of energy but must still retain the old charm. It can be done – look at the new renovated areas of Main Street in Beacon.

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198 sidewalk improvements badly needed

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200 We need to renovate the Tot Park and find a place for an older-children's playground.

201 Re C [focusing historic preservation on designated areas]: Don't exactly know what C is.

202 I [protecting natural resources, streams and wetlands] and [L, open space in the area surrounding the village] are also important. It was difficult to choose top 3 choices.

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204 I think the categories should have been: over-emphasized - on track - need improvement. You would've received more valid feedback.

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207 We need to find a balance between maintaining historic character and keeping Cold Spring alive and businesses thriving. Basic stuff needs to be addressed like sidewalks and utility lines for residents and tourists!

208 Open space is what makes this place special! Once it's lost, it's gone forever.

209 The cost of living in Cold Spring has increased by a lot in the last few years. It may grow as Fishkill builds at an incredible pace.

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216 Re E [burying the utility lines on Main Street]: Would be nice but what would it cost us? There has to be a limit to "I want, I want, I want"!

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219 Downstream money is all around us! ... Main Street resident parking.

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221 skate park!

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223 **Not valid:** Checked as not being a resident.

224 In item C I mean that historic preservation should not be limited to a small area but should be extended to the full extent of the historic village.

225 It's important to protect the historic character and village qualities of all of Cold Spring, and not limit historical protection to the narrow, already defined historic district (national) and sub-district. At the same time, the historic preservation rules should be much more fairly applied and flexible and less onerous.

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228 It's difficult to choose which priority is most important. Sustainable growth of low-impact businesses to offset school taxes should be utmost priority; healthy businesses, low-density housing and historic preservation. Included in that should be help to seniors to keep their homes.

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231 Business employees should be encouraged to park well off Main Street - lower Kemble in winter parking.

232 Water/sewer bills are too high.

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235 We need more parking, a dynamic Main Street that appeals to daily residents, and more opportunities for young residents.

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237 Let's have a model green village.

238 Allow new development within the village but in character with existing scale and density.

239 We'd like more diverse types of cuisine in the area surrounding the village.

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249 To preserve Cold Spring's mixed-income character, it's important to keep property tax from greatly increasing and forcing people out.

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272 Preserving the beauty and unique character of this village is very important, especially public access to the waterfront!

273 Noise pollution/air pollution from single-stroke gas engines (leaf blowers, lawn movers, ATVs): Need stronger control for this village. Contemporary, non-industrial home business should be encouraged by proper regulation and not subject to obsolete parameters.

274 I think all of the above are important. More efforts to reduce pollution and increase alternative energy are needed.

275 Re M [limiting growth in the surrounding area]: I don't think that is within the village's jurisdiction.

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286 We love our village! Please don't permit mega-mansions and "big-box" commercial development. We need safe pedestrian walkways -- hikers and bicyclists along 9D.

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288 Most of the items above are like "Mom" and "apple pie." Who's not for these? The key is balancing the priorities with limited resources.

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290 Re E, K, and L [burying the utility lines on Main Street; maintaining open space in the village; open space in the area surrounding the village]: Any ideas that will raise my taxes are not welcome.

291 I think we need a new vision for our village to be a sustainable place that meets many of our needs right at hand. We need to become a model village for the future. That alone will draw visitors.

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293 As a resident and Main Street merchant I clearly want the Village to have more than just a residential base. Keeping property taxes low requires a good commercial base!

294 Parking needs to be decreased on the side streets – it's ruining the side streets ... too much; litter, pollution, and unsafe drivers.

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297 We need open space, keep Marathon Battery open, no development period. Take it back in accordance with law – foreclose now!

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302 Open space is such a valuable commodity these days -- so important to protect what limited open land there is, thereby not adding to light/noise/chemical pollutants to our environment. Paving over open space is a crime and a shame.

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307 If there was funding for protecting historic properties, some of us could afford to restore our homes that were changed in the 1950s and 60s.

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309 Very expensive and disruptive to bury utility lines.

310 Work with town to create safe pedestrian path from village to Little Stony Point.

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312 Pass a moratorium on building to discourage new development.

313 I'd like to see more food items (groceries, cheeses, etc) sold on Main Street – as well as a health food store. We are fortunate to have so many excellent restaurants.

314 Need trees planted in cemetery near Haldane.

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317 Encourage public transport; limit use of cars!

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319 practical shopping: stationery store, butcher, a real bakery, wireless café, repairs and alterations

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326 Tourists need convenient places to park. We need their dollars to support the businesses that the town itself cannot support.

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