

LETTERS (Cont'd from front pg.)

I do not know condominium law or if "fee simple condos" even exist. I also am not taking any positions right now on the Butterfield development.

There is also a photograph in the Aug 29 issue that states that I am consulting with the Planning Board. In fact, Board chair Joe Barbaro invited all audience members to approach to study the plans, which I took the opportunity to do. You can see in the photograph that I am looking at the plan, while board members consulted with each other on either the menu board or the pylon sign details. I was using my iPad to photograph the pages in front of them, which allowed me to then share those images with other audience members. Any conversation which included me during the meeting consisted of apologies for repeated photographs. I do not have any more access to or influence with the Cold Spring planning board than any other Cold Spring resident, and I would hope that everyone would share their opinions and knowledge.

It would also be nice if in the future you refrain from referring to audience attendees at any of the village board meetings as "the usual sus-

pects." I am sure you are in the business of supporting the spirit of democracy and citizen involvement.

Lastly I would like to clarify for your readers that the Sept 18th public hearing on the Elmesso application is not a referendum on Kenny Elmes. I hope that all members of the Village appreciate the service Kenny has and still is providing for its residents. He has helped my family numerous times and we are grateful for it.

However, the proposed project has ramifications, not just for Kenny, but for the entire Cold Spring community. It needs to be carefully evaluated on the basis of traffic, noise, drainage, pedestrian access and any other relevant planning criteria. The Sept 18th meeting will allow for public comment on these issues.

**Judith Rose**  
COLD SPRING  
*Editor's Note: We have reviewed our reporting and stand by it.*

**Hayworth Helpful**

**To the Editor:**  
I recently thanked Congresswoman Nan Hayworth for the help her staff recently gave to

me regarding my VA Disability Pension

Congresswoman Hayworth is very active with her constituents. She holds frequent telephone town hall meetings, and has an understanding of today's important issues.

As her website biography shows, she is a doctor, mother, businesswoman, and community leader. These qualities are especially important when facing the country's medical issues.

I wrote to Rep. Hayworth: "Theresa, from your office, initially helped to schedule a physical with the VA for my claim. That physical's schedule was detained for months until I received her help. Jessica Ruckdeschel took it over after Theresa left, and helped reduce the time frame for VA approval."

"They both helped to end a year long ordeal for my wife Adrienne and I. The award means a lot to us, and we thank all of you for your help. We are both supporters of you and pray for your continued success in leading our country out of the horrible state it has fallen into."

**Frank A Crognale**  
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tary experience to use in Cold Spring after the war, leading the local response to the 1918 influenza pandemic. At the time there was no hospital in Cold Spring; the ill were attended by physicians in their homes. Dr. Clark quickly recognized that without a means to isolate local victims, the spread of the virus would be catastrophic. He organized a temporary emergency hospital at Main Street and Morris Avenue, slowing the rate of contamination and saving the lives of many in his care. In this crisis, the need for a properly constituted local hospital became abundantly clear. Julia Butterfield's estate made possible such a facility in 1925, and Dr. Clark became an esteemed member of its medical and surgical staff.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Clark served this community in many other capacities. He was Chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees, a President of the Putnam County Medical Society, a member of the New York State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Society. He was the health officer of Cold Spring for quite some time, a district surgeon for the New York Central Railroad for 20 years, and a medical examiner in the selective service system during World War II, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation. Dr. Clark was elected President of the Haldane School Board, President of the National Bank of Cold Spring, and President of the Cold Spring Cemetery Association. He was also a member of the Cold Spring Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Old Homestead Club and the Methodist Church. He also

was a dedicated member of the Cold Spring Fire Company, and was honored in 1953 with a gold membership card for fifty years of service.

Dr. Clark died on September 10, 1957. He bequeathed most of his estate to Butterfield Hospital. That bequest, along with gifts from other Philipstown residents and federal grants, made possible the renovation of the original 1925 hospital structure and 1941 Timme Memorial Wing, as well as the construction of the 1963 addition. Unfortunately, the re-envisioning removed the stately third floor of the original building. The program from the Clark Pavilion's dedication states: "[The hospital] stands at this dedication, not only as a memorial to Mrs. Butterfield and to Dr. Clark, but as a modern hospital serving the sick of the community with the best medical science has to offer."

The Modernist style of the Clark Pavilion is the only example of its use in Cold Spring for a public amenity, and it represents, in tangible form, the 20th Century progress of a village strongly rooted in the 19th century. In many ways, the Clark Pavilion symbolizes Cold Spring's modern evolution, and connects the village to larger American, and indeed international, societal trends. With their choice to use the Modernist architectural style alongside the Upphohn and White Colonial Revival wings, the hospital trustees communicated to villagers, patients and staff the quantum leaps in local medical care that would be achieved within the facility's expanded walls.

**Carolyn Smith Lahey**  
After the mid-20th century,

the practice of medicine shifted dramatically in America. Until that time, physicians commonly saw patients either in small offices set up in their own homes, or made house calls to the infirm. With the shift toward a more systematic method of delivering medical services, local communities across the nation developed shared office spaces in which doctors rented suites; Cold Spring was no exception. Between 1967 and 1970 the Trustees of the Butterfield Hospital had a medical arts building constructed, appending it to the west façade of the main hospital complex. That structure was destroyed by fire in early 1983, and its replacement, the Carolyn Lahey Pavilion, honors a native Philipstown resident who served our community with dedication and distinction.

Carolyn Lahey, née Smith, was born in Manitowish in 1939. She was the daughter of Vivian Palen Smith and Harold Smith. She was a graduate of the Manitowish School and Haldane High School, and after marrying Philip J. Lahey in 1957, she went on to a successful career at Butterfield Hospital. She was a 24-year employee, advancing from a switchboard operator to Assistant Hospital Administrator. While rising through the ranks, she served as the Director of Butterfield's Medical Records Department, a post she earned after training in medical records management at SUNY Albany and being accredited by the American Medical Records Association. Mrs. Lahey also acted as liaison for the Medical Records Department at Putnam Community Hospital from 1981 to 1984. She was an active member of the Butterfield Hospital Auxiliary and co-chaired the

annual Butterfield Hospital Fair. From 1977 through the hospital's closing, this was a well-attended affair which strengthened ties between the institution and the community.

Following the devastating fire in the hospital's original



Carolyn Smith Lahey in front of Butterfield Hospital. Courtesy Carol Lahey Hopper.

Medical Arts Building, Assistant Administrator Lahey worked closely with the medical staff to facilitate its reconstruction. The new structure was designed by Peekskill architect Ivars Hansen, and, like the earlier portions of the complex, it is representative of the architectural fashion of its time. Its form is linear and low to the ground and its brick façades are largely without ornamentation. Its interior decoration was advised by Fred Stanyer, who at the time was director of the Boscobel Restoration. Today, although the structure remains physically attached to the 1925 portion of Butterfield Hospital, the Lahey Pavilion is independently owned and operated by Hudson Valley

Hospital Center.

In 1984, during the re-building of the Medical Arts Building, Carolyn Lahey died suddenly. A deeply saddened medical staff chose to name the new facility in her honor; it was dedicated on July 19, 1985. In a remembrance published immediately after her death, Thomas Dee, the Chief Operating Officer of Butterfield Hospital said "Rarely does an individual play such a major role in the personality of an institution as Carol did. Her dedication, professionalism, sensitivity and leadership have been the driving forces behind Butterfield Hospital for many years... She had the unique ability to transcend ideas into action. While most of us would sit around and discuss, Carol would go out and do."

Sadly, because of shifts in the national medical economy as well as local economic realities, the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Hospital was closed in 1993. Its loss had a tremendous impact on many aspects of life in Cold Spring, not the least of which was families' livelihoods—approximately 200 full and part-time staff were employed at the hospital. The complex still stands, awaiting revitalization and a return to public service in the tradition established by Mrs. Butterfield.



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"Snake Hill Road still isn't fixed, we're one of the few towns without a senior center, our taxes keep rising but we don't receive equal County services compared to other Putnam towns. These aren't new ideas. They've been discussed over and over. But I'm determined to resolve these issues."

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