

**Village of Cold Spring
Comprehensive Plan Special Board**
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan

*Workshop meeting, 7 p.m., January 8, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse*

Present: Carol Casparian, Chair; *Members:* Karen Dunn, Marie Early, Anne Impellizzeri, Marshall Mermell, Lillian Moser, Ransom Taggart

Member absent: Jan Thacher

Preliminaries:

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

1. Minutes:

The minutes of December 4, 2008 were reviewed. Early moved to defer the approval of the minutes until the next meeting (January 15, 2009) due to clarifications regarding the budget and the RFP request. K. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Allocated Money in the Budget:

The Board members discussed different ways the Special Board members would like to see the money allocated that is so far not designated in this fiscal year's budget. Two suggestions were to obtain village maps and visioning through a consultant. It was agreed to investigate the feasibility and cost of maps. Before any money will be spent Board members will investigate all options and costs involving the choices discussed. It was also suggested that Board members think of other things they would like to see the \$2,500 be spent on. The fiscal year's budget discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. Working Group Reports:

A. Government Infrastructure and Public Services (GIPS) Working Group - Report attached.

B. Community Resources Working Group - Report attached.

C. Waterfront and Open Spaces Working Group – Meeting was canceled.

D. Economic Development Working Group - Report attached. An addition to the report was that there had been emails between the GIPS Working Group and the Economic Development Working Group regarding the possibility of a joint meeting.

E. Grants and Consultants Working Group - Report attached. Taggart requested to have the vote for the workplan taken again when every member of the Board is present (however, he does not believe all Board members must be present to vote). Taggart stated that a vote cannot be taken without a Planning Board member present. Taggart stated he informed the Board members he would not be able to attend the December 4, 2008 meeting, therefore the vote should not have been done.

Casparian will ask the Village Attorney the following questions:

- To clarify whether or not a Planning Board must be present for a vote to count
- If an alternate Special Board member who is a Planning Board member can vote

F. Village Character, History and Historical Development Working Group – Thacher was not present.

4. Other Board Business:

Moser suggested that a letter should come from the Special Board thanking the Cold Spring Fire Company for use of the building to hold the Special Board meetings and to remind them that the Special Board is still interested in using the Firehouse for their meetings the first and second Thursday of every month.

Early asked if there were any results from the stakeholders meetings. Casparian observed that each working group is preparing a report on their stakeholders meeting.

Dunn noted that the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees is holding a workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 regarding utilities on Main St. and they are asking for interested citizens to attend. Dunn wanted to inform Working Group members that this meeting is lead by the Village and that it is not a Special Board function and is not going to be another GIPS subcommittee.

Dunn and Early volunteered to do an outline of the 1987 Masterplan, which will be ready by the first meeting in April.

Moser reminded the Special Board members that with the upcoming Village elections, it is important that there should be no political partisanship in our Special Board and Working Group meetings, not that we should have no political connections ("binding") as individuals.

Early moved to adjourn the meeting and Dunn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Carol Casparian, Chair

Date