

Village of Cold Spring
Comprehensive Plan Special Board
Local Waterfront Revitalization
Regular meeting, 9 p.m., February 12, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse

Present: Chair, Carol Casparian, Vice Chair Karen Dunn; Members: Lillian Moser, Michael Armstrong Jan Thacher, Marshall Marmell, Marie Early

Members absent: Anne Impellizzeri, Ransom Taggert

Preliminaries: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM following the Historic Character Stakeholders meeting.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes was deferred

Expenditure Discussed: The Board discussed spending a total of \$4,000 for a consultant and mapping. This is money that is currently in the village's budget for the Special Board. The Board agreed to allocate \$3,000 for mapping and \$1,000 for a consultant. Dunn and Casparian will follow up.

Recommendations Approved: Board voted to submit to the Village Board three recommendations. Marie Early asked that the Firehouse report be amended to include the square footage of the existing firehouse. Armstrong said he would send that to Carol Casparian. See Addendum to Minutes.

Marie Early made a motion to adjourn. Armstrong seconded. All approved.
Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Signed



Carol Casparian, Chair

Addendum to February 12, 2009 Minutes

Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Special Board

During the past two years, the Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan/Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Special Board has completed research and would like to submit the following recommendations to the Village Board. The draft reports upon which these recommendations are based are also attached for use by the Village Board.

Recommendations

Recommendation A: Fire House Location Considerations

The Special Board recommends that the Cold Spring Village Board, in reviewing all potential fire house sites on state roads, such as Routes 301 (Main Street) and 9D (Chestnut Street-Morris Avenue), before making any commitments, complete a legally surveyed site plan that, along with offering other relevant information, demonstrates:

- That DOT requirements can be met completely and wholly within the boundaries of the site.
- That compliance with state building and energy codes is ensured.
- That local applicable zoning code or historic district guidelines can be met.

- That, as per DOT criteria, all fire trucks and equipment can turn completely within the site's property, as backing on or off a state road is not allowed.

- That, as DOT stipulations make locating garage bays parallel to a road preferable, unless the building is set back far enough from the road that trucks have sufficient space in which to merge onto the driveway, DOT requirements for driveway minimum and maximum widths and turning radii/curb cuts can be met.

- That compliance is ensured in regard to DOT minimum line-of-sight/visibility distance requirements, which provide that exiting trucks can see approaching traffic and approaching traffic can see trucks from a safe distance.

Recommendation B: Cold Spring Reservoir and Water System

The Special Board recommends that the Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees continue to take all necessary legal steps to clarify and secure all boundaries, right of ways and easements established and required to protect the reservoirs and the access required to maintain and service them, to ensure the quality and continued safe processing and provision of the Village of Cold Spring water supply.

Recommendation C: Back Brook

That since the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has emphasized that management of Back Brook in the Village of Cold Spring falls to the village, as the brook is not a mapped watercourse, and because the DEC has suggested such courses of village action as identification and opinion-surveying of owners of the properties along the brook, an independently conducted drainage planning study to review the brook's flow during heavy rains, possible problems, and potential remedies, including implementation of a local storm water law, the Special Board recommends that the Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees:

1. Explore the aforementioned DEC suggestions.
2. Look into acquiring easements of properties along Back Brook for purposes of maintenance, or, conversely, enforce existing laws to ensure that property owners perform maintenance chores.
3. Consider implementation of a new village ordinance, should existing village code prove lacking in regard to matters pertinent to Back Brook, bearing in mind that drafting of such an ordinance would most likely need to be done in conjunction with a proper hydrological study.
4. Work with the governments of Nelsonville and Philipstown to address questions and potential problems pertaining to Back Brook, especially in regard to those sections of the brook beyond the Village of Cold Spring.

[All passed by vote of the Special Board, February 12, 2009.]

Respectfully Submitted

February 17, 2009


Carol Casparian