

Village of Cold Spring
Comprehensive Plan Special Board
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Workshop Meeting, 7 p.m., April 2, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse

Present: Vice-Chair, Karen Dunn Members: Michael Armstrong, Marie Early, Anne Impellizzeri, Marshall Mermell Lillian Moser (arrived late), Catharine Square & Jan Thacher

Members absent: Carol Casparian , & Ransom Taggart (left early)

Preliminaries:

Vice- Chair Dunn opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. by introducing a new member, Catharine Square, and then said goodbye to Ransom Taggart.

Impellizzeri introduced Mr. Joel Russell, the Special Board planning consultant. Mr. Russell met with the Special Board for one hour tonight and will do so again for one hour April 20, 2009. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Loretto School at 7:00 pm.

1. Mr. Joel Russell:

Mr. Russell was the planning consultant for the Philipstown 20/20

Mr. Joel Russell's observations from notes taken by Marshall Mermell:

- Synthesis rather than a summary
- Need clear vision and goals
- How to achieve the goals
- Strategies how to achieve and what is practical
- Analysis of zoning law—often a mismatch, i.e., how many applications for variances; many nonconforming lots indicates mismatch
- How to make into action plan: translate into action steps and then assign responsibility
- Citizen driven plan is most effective
- Planning is about choices. What the citizens say can affect the outcome of those choices and the citizen can make a difference
- Re-brand as choosing the future of the community
- It is up to the community to define the issues
- Create a buzz and get interest going
- Throw out a few controversial issues
- Visualization
- Make it exciting and for the board to listening
- Frame it
- Joel recommends, when possible to work on the zoning changes on a parallel track
- Need consistency between the plan and the zoning
- He tends to err on the side of a plan that excites the citizens and lays out the mission and direction
- Cannot be too detailed, should provide direction
- Focus on the development opportunities
- Job of Special Board is to inject reality in a gentle way

Mr. Joel Russell left at 8:00 pm.

The Board members discussed the items they would like to discuss with Mr. Joel Russell at the next meeting.

Moser moved to adjourn the meeting and Armstrong seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



Carol Casparian, Chair



Date