

Village of Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan
Special Board regular meeting
May 7, 2009

**Village of Cold Spring
Comprehensive Plan Special Board**
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Workshop meeting, 7 p.m., May 7, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse

Present: Co Chair; Karen Dunn, *Members:* Mike Armstrong, Joe Barbaro, Marie Early, Anne Impellizzeri, Marshall Mermell, Lillian Moser & Jan Thacher, Trustee Liaison, Lynn Miller

Members absent: Catharine Square

K. Dunn acting chair welcomed J. Barbaro as a new member

1. Minutes:

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

2. Discussion regarding Mr. Kearney's presentation to the Village Board:

The Special Board members discussed the recent meeting of the Village Board with Mr. Kearney where most members of the Special Board were present.

K. Dunn opened the discussion to the Board members. The Board members discussed the conceptual designs presented for the Kearney property (Marathon Battery site) and what role the Special Board might play in providing community input.

Mr. Tom Ralston – stated that the Board is so concerned with the date and public opinion that they should start worrying about what the public thinks that is the wrong approach. The Board should decide what they want to come up with and then present it to the public.

3. Government, Infrastructure and Public Services Working Group (GIPS) Transportation Report:

Early reviewed a few items that needed correction. Early gave feedback and asked that the discussion be tabled until a future meeting so the suggested changes can be corrected and we can have the update from Elyn Rosenthal. Armstrong ask what the number of passenger seats in the trolley were. Mr. Tom Ralston stated 27 seats in the trolley.

4. Where Do We Go From Here Regarding discussions with Joel Russell:

Impellizzeri reported that the contract has been signed by the Village, that it runs only for three years from the beginning until December 2009, but that extensions are freely and frequently granted. Impellizzeri reminded everyone to continue the fill out timesheets. Bonnie Devine will not be working directly with us and someone new will be assigned to work with the Special Board from the State.

5. Board Business:

Early moved that we do a nomination for Dunn to be Special Board chair and give recommendation to the Village Board. Moser seconded the motion. Dunn abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Early moved to nominate Armstrong as Vice Chair. Dunn seconded the motion. Armstrong abstained, Moser stated her belief that the Vice Chair should be someone who has been on the board from the beginning. Armstrong withdrew his name. Moser stated if she became Vice Chair, she would have Armstrong as GIPS leader.

Impellizzeri moved that Moser be the first choice for Vice Chair and Armstrong seconded the motion. Moser abstained. It was unanimously approved.

Trustee Lynn Miller will give the Village Board the information on Chair and Vice Chair.

5. Working Group Reports:

A. Government Infrastructure and Public Services Working Group: - did not meet.

B. Waterfront and Open Spaces Working Group (April Report 2009)

The WOS WG met on April 30, 2009. We discussed the then upcoming meeting of the VB and Ken Kearney regarding the development and possible rezoning of the Marathon Battery parcels. One of our concerns was how best to integrate what information we now have with the other information available and how our group can work with the SB to be helpful yet not compromise the integrity of the work that the SB is doing toward an LWRP and a Comprehensive Plan.

The group decided that we need to become a more active partner in what is currently going on at the waterfront. We decided that we will have another meeting on Saturday, May 9, at Tom Rolston's house in order to discuss what happened at the May 5th meeting and to discuss more about our role in waterfront decisions.

C. Economic Development Working Group:

April report attached. Work continues on report on businesses in Cold Spring

I'm not sure where the following goes in these minutes if at all. The heading should be Vision and Goals, perhaps in connection with the discussion of Marathon site where the SB said we should start with Vision and Goals for the village and then look at sections of the village and particular sites. Marshall and I said we had pulled preliminary ideas from the survey and October 20, as agreed when we developed our three-pronged approach to moving forward. Those preliminary ideas follow (or better yet: are attached).

NOTES TOWARD VISION/GOALS 4/17/09

From meeting of Marshall Mermell and Anne Impellizzeri, 4/11/09

The following preliminary outline is derived from survey and October 20, and still needs more work. From this, Marshall plans to design three dimensions:

1. Small town atmosphere -- 19th century Main Street, walkability, safety, neighborliness, peacefulness. Includes built environment – architecture, history, Chapel, West Point Foundry, houses, Main Street, fear disproportionately large, fear tear-down potential. Sense of safety: problem of through highway.
2. Natural environment – river, waterfront, mountains, beauty, scenery, parks, views, open space, hiking and other recreation, need to preserve access, protect
3. People – sense of community, caring, friendliness, neighborliness, community spirit, traditions (parades, concerts)
4. Economic vitality – locally owned and run businesses (not chains, franchises), prosperous, vital, restaurants, need to serve residents and encourage visitors, code constraints
5. Taxes – overwhelming concern, burden of rising property taxes, limit growth in surrounding area (recognize that Cold Spring citizens are residents of Philipstown too), also resentment that sales tax revenue generated here seems greater than value of services from county (revenue not shared)
6. Government, infrastructure – parking problem (access to shops, businesses), review process (building permits), need consistent enforcement

7. Surrounding area -- scenery, shopping resources, recreation, limit development, need to recognize that we are voting citizens of Philipstown. Transportation, access -- easy access to NYC, alternatives to automobile (boat, trolley), [availability of diverse shopping in Dutchess, Northern Westchester, although not a recognized strength]

D. Village Character, History and Historical Development Working Group -- did not meet

E. Waterfront and Open Spaces Working Group: - Report not yet done.

F. Community Resources Working Group: - The group is finished. There is no more work to be done.

One topic that came up for Early from Armstrong was consolidation (taxes and education) at the Haldane School.

Moser moved to adjourn the meeting and Thacher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Karen Dunn, Acting Chair

5/7/09

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MICHAEL ARMSTRONG~~

11/14/2009

CHAIR