

**Village of Cold Spring
Special Board for a
Comprehensive Plan/Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Regular meeting, 7 p.m. June 4, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse**

Present: Chair, Karen Dunn, Vice Chair, Lillian Moser. Members: Michael Armstrong, Joseph Barbaro, Anne Impellizzeri, Catharine Square and Jan Thacher

Preliminaries:

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. She announced that Marie Early had resigned because of a job offer too good to refuse.

1. Minutes:

The minutes were tabled until June 11, 2009.

2. Plan for June 18th Public Meeting

L. Moser asked the members to assist in the Public Meeting on Vision and Goals planned for June 18. Several members volunteered to bring supplies for the meeting. K. Dunn outlined the plan to break the group up into tables after a brief introduction. Each table would discuss the Vision and Goals and then report back to the entire group assembled. The board agreed that six members (Dunn, Moser, Barbaro, Armstrong, Thacher, and Mermell) would act as facilitators at the meeting, and Catharine Square would be a note-taker at one table, and we would seek additional note-takers from among the working group members.

3. Future Agendas.

It was agreed to review the draft RFP for consultants at the July 2nd meeting and to schedule a discussion of demographics for August 9 with the help of Judith Rose.

4. Requests from the Village Board:

Trustee Lynn Miller, Village Board Liaison to the Special Board, read a letter from the Village Board to the Special Board. (See attached.) Each of the three requests in the letter were discussed in turn by the Special Board. K. Dunn said that the Special Board should reject the first two requests because she believed they would violate the charter of the Special Board, which was simply to prepare a comprehensive plan/local waterfront revitalization plan, and would put in jeopardy the funding from the Department of State (DOS) for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. L. Moser and J. Thacher both said they agreed with Dunn and Armstrong disagreed, and said that the Special Board should be able to be helpful to the village board in presenting facts and summarizing the relevant values expressed in the village that bore on these properties, without being in violation of LWRP rules or the mission of the Special Board.

Lynn Miller quoted the report of consultant Joel Russell to the effect that addressing specific planning issues that arise during the planning process can be an opportunity.

A. Impellizzeri said she had raised the question with our liaison at the Department of State who said it could be appropriate to address such immediate issues since they could lead toward actions we might recommend. K. Dunn said she had asked the same question and the liaison said any such discussion should come after establishment of the community's vision. M. Armstrong observed that the vision would be essentially complete after the June 18 public meeting.

Joe Barbaro asked if Armstrong would be willing to write a report as described in the request from the Village Board. Armstrong said he would, and furthermore would have a draft ready by the end of July to circulate to Special Board members.

Michael Reisman, in the audience, reinforced Anne Impellizzeri's observation that the Special Board risked being seen as irrelevant if it refused to assist with planning for the Marathon and Waterfront areas..

Armstrong moved that the Special Board agree to provide the Village board with the requested reports. Barbaro seconded. Dunn, Moser and Thacher voted no. Armstrong, Barbaro, Square, and Impellizzeri voted yes and the motion carried.

The Board then considered the request to establish a Liaison to the Village Board. Moser said that the charter of the Special Board stipulated that the Chair, backed by the vice-chair, should report to the village board. She asked if the Liaison would write the report, or simply present it to the Village Board. Barbaro said that he believed that the Village Board's intent was that the Liaison write as well as present the report to the Village Board. Several Special Board members indicated that the liaison was not a major issue for them and that if the Village Board wanted such a liaison they would be agreeable.

Barbaro moved that the Special Board agree to the request of the Village Board to establish a Liaison to the Village Board. Dunn, Moser and Thacher were opposed. Armstrong asked if he should recluse himself, because he had been named as the preferred Liaison in the Village Board's Letter.

Dunn said that this was not necessary because we were only voting on establishing the position, not who should fill it. Armstrong, Barbaro, Impellizzeri and Square voted to approve. Impellizzeri moved that Armstrong be named the Liaison. Square seconded.

The motion was approved.

Moser moved to adjourn the meeting. Square seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Michael Armstrong, Chair

Date