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Village of Cold Spring
Comprehensive Plan Special Board
Local Waterfront Revitalization
Regular meeting, 7 p.m., June 11, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse

Present: Chair, Karen Dunn; Vice Chair, Lillian Moser; Members: Michael Armstrong, Joseph Barbaro, Michael Reisman, Catharine Square, Jan Thacher
Also Present: Trustee Liaison Lynn Miller
Members absent: Anne Impellizzeri; Marshall Mermell

Preliminaries: meeting opened at 7:00 pm. Dunn welcomed Michael Reisman as a new member to the board.

1. Minutes:

L. Moser moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009 Michael Reisman seconded the motion. Barbaro abstained and Square abstained from the vote (they weren't present at the March 5 meeting) The motion was approved.

The minutes of April 20, 2009 were submitted for approval as amended by Impellizzeri. Moser moved to approve the minutes as amended. Armstrong seconded the motion. Barbaro abstained because he had not been present at the April 20 meeting. The motion was approved.

2. June 18, 2009 Public Meeting:

The Board reviewed photographs of what the board members believe make Cold Spring special. Thacher presented the Board with pictures and asked that they be returned after the June 18 meeting.

Moser reviewed a list of items board members were asked to bring to the meeting. Dunn recommended that the Special Board write a thank you note to the Putnam County News for printing the Vision and Goals prominently in the paper. Dunn passed out an agenda for the June 18 meeting.

3. Organization:

Dunn passed out a copy of resolution 30-08, establishing the Special Board, and reviewed section 4, organization. The Special Board discussed the request of the Village Board to establish the position of liaison to the Village Board. Dunn noted that resolution 30-08 states that the *Chair* (not a liaison) report to the Village Board, and that having a liaison with that role contradicts that.

Armstrong moved to recommend to the Village Board that it amend the resolution to have the role of the liaison added to resolution 30-08. Moser seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Summer schedule:

The Firehouse will not be available on August 6, 2009.

The following is a tentative summer schedule:

- July 2 - Joel Russell's report and discussion of June 18, 2009 public meeting.
- July 9 - review of reports (demographics)
- August 6 - report by Mike Armstrong
- August 13, 2009 revised reports and commenting
- Waterfront and Open Spaces Report needs to be reviewed over the summer.

Mayor Gallagher requested a report and public discussion on the Marathon Battery Property and the Dockside Property.

5. Correspondence:

The following three resignation letters were read into the minutes.

JAN THACHER

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June 11, 2009

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

Cc: Mayor & Board of Trustees

Village of Cold Spring,

Cold Spring, N.Y.

Dear Madams; Chair and Vice Chair

Members of the Village of Cold Spring Special Board

This Letter has been rattling around in my brain for the last couple of months, last weeks meeting made it inevitable.

My physical limitations make it very difficult to keep up with the workflow this board is responsible for. It bothers me not to be able to give my best in any task undertaken in this case I'm just not able to effectively keep up.

Having been with this process from the very beginning working in the AdHoc groups that were taking the preliminary steps for establishing this board. Then as a member of 2 current Work Groups. I thank the Village Board and the Special Board for accepting me as a member, I took it as an honor and responsibility.

This all volunteer board with its all volunteer work groups including all members present and past, have contributed towards producing a remarkable set of tools, base points, laying the necessary foundation with objective information that I believe will be invaluable in long term planning for our Village. This Board and its work groups have done the only work towards Cold Spring's LWRP /CP because: there is no money from the state. No Money - No Planner, with out our volunteers there would be nothing done at all. Respectfully this board, work groups and its leadership have in fact saved the village tens of thousands of dollars in professional services alone.

Lillian D. Moser

133 Main Street

Cold Spring, NY 10516

T0: Mayor Seth Gallagher

CC: Village Board of Trustees, Special Board

DATE: June 11, 2009

RE: Resignation from the Special Board

In November of 2008, I wrote a letter to then Mayor Anthony Phillips to discuss concerns I have for the Special Board. At the time my main concern was the fact that the Special Board membership had dwindled and more and more responsibility was being placed on its members. Now a little more than 6 months later I find myself even more concerned with the role of the Special Board and its agenda.

In 2008 Resolution number 30-08 was passed unanimously by the Village board establishing the protocol for the Special Board. In the resolution it states:

"Special Board has been created for the purpose of collecting information and preparing a proposed update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan as per the terms and provisions of Village Law 7-222; and further,

The Special Board has been charged with collecting information and preparing a proposed Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan to be developed in tandem with the Village's Comprehensive Plan."

Also in Resolution 30-08 it talks about the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Special Board. Under Section 4 titled Organization it states:

"The Special Board shall have a Chairperson appointed by the Village Board. The duties of the Chairperson shall include setting the agenda for meetings of the Special Board, chairing meetings, scheduling special meetings and providing a monthly report to the Village Board on the activities and progress of the Special Board."

It continues to say that:

"The Special Board shall have a Vice-Chairperson appointed by the Village Board. The duties of the Vice-Chairperson shall include assisting the Chairperson in performance of his or her duties and serving in the place of the Chairperson in the event that he or she is absent."

In recent weeks it has come to my attention that the above mentioned sections of Resolution 30-08 are not being followed at this time. It is the guidelines of Resolution 30-08 that I was asked to follow when I became a member of the Special Board.

It is due to these circumstances that I, Lillian D. Moser do hereby resign as Vice-Chairperson and member of the Special Board for the Comprehensive and Local Waterfront Revitalization Plans effective June 19, 2009. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve my community these past 2 ½ years. I wish the remaining Special Board members the best of luck in completing the task which they have been given under Resolution 30-08.

Sincerely Yours,

Lillian D. Moser

KAREN DUNN

8 Fish Street

Cold Spring, NY 10516

June 11, 2009

Mayor Seth Gallagher
Board of Trustees
Village of Cold Spring
85 Main Street
Cold Spring, NY 10516

Dear Mayor Gallagher and Trustees:

After careful consideration I am resigning as both Chair and as a member of the Village of Cold Spring's Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. I reached this decision after the events of the past few weeks.

I find myself at odds with the current administration's - and now a majority of the Special Board's - view as to the purpose and function of the Special Board. Particularly disturbing is the shift away from what is written in Resolution No. 30 - 08 (presented by Trustee Teagle and seconded by Trustee Gallagher), a document that was well considered and carefully crafted as to how this particular Board is to function. I am equally concerned that you, as Mayor, felt it necessary to approach Special Board members to gain support for this change of organization without talking to me or the Vice Chair, Lillian Moser.

During the time I have spent on the Special Board I have tried to be both impartial and apolitical, and I believed that, until recently, most of the other members felt the same way. I take great pride in what the Special Board and its Working Groups have done toward the task of updating the Comprehensive Plan and creating the LWRP. It has been both a pleasure and a voyage of exploration to work with so many resident volunteers as they have enthusiastically and professionally delved into the past and present as the entire Cold Spring community plans for its future.

Because I have committed to certain tasks for the upcoming June 18th event, my resignation will be effective June 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

Karen Dunn
Chair
Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP

cc: Trustee Campbell
Trustee Falloon
Trustee Miller
Trustee Robertson
Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP

After each of the letters was read, Barbaro asked the member resigning to reconsider. He asked what it would take for them to continue to serve on the Board. Each of the resigning members, in turn, refused to withdraw their resignation or indicate what accommodations might be made that would cause them to change their mind. Reisman said he thought the resignations were regrettable. Armstrong said he agreed with Reisman and Barbaro that the three resignations were sad, but that the work of the Special Board would continue. Square agreed. Trustee Miller asked the resigning members what the main reason was for their actions. Dunn answered that she did not feel she was trusted by the current Mayor, and believed the Village Trustees were interfering in the work of the Special Board. Thacher said that, in addition to the reasons cited in his letter, the work was just becoming too much for him. Moser asked Trustee Miller why a liaison was needed from the Special Board to report to the Board of Trustees.

Moser moved to adjourn the meeting. Thacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.



8/6/09

Michael Armstrong, Chair

August 6, 2009