

Village of Cold Spring

Comprehensive Plan Special Board
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., July 2, 2009
Cold Spring Firehouse – 154 Main Street

Present: Acting Co Chairs - Michael Armstrong, Anne Impellizzeri Members: Joseph Barbaro, Cathryn Fadde, Kathleen Foley, Marshall Mermell, Michael Reisman, Catharine Square and Trustee Liaison Lynn Miller

Preliminaries: meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Introduction:

Members introduced themselves by stating their name and giving a brief history of themselves.

1. Minutes

Approval of minutes for May 7, 2009, May 14, 2009, June 4, 2009 & June 11, 2009 will be tabled until the next meeting (July 9, 2009). All comments to the minutes will be sent 3 days prior to the meeting. Resend the May 14, 2009 minutes and June 11 Minutes (the ones with several attachments).

Mayor Gallagher came in to swear in new Board members Michael Reisman, Cathryn Fadde and Kathleen Foley.

2. Orientation materials:

Impellizzeri reviewed the List of Comprehensive Plan/Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Orientation Materials for Questions and Discussion.

Reisman recommended a website that presents legal background on Comprehensive Plans. The website is called Zoning and Comprehensive Planning. It is on the NYS website. Reisman will provide specifics. Armstrong asked that Board members review the information in the orientation materials.

3. LWRP Grant

- Armstrong suggested finding a way to speed up the process to receive the money for the LWRP for consultants.
- Comp plan has more flexibility than a LWRP
- State likes to see river front communities work on an LWRP
- This RFP is the first stage toward an LWRP and contains singular vision strategies for implementation.
- LWRP – requires a draft of zoning codes, more technical material.
- In order to do a LWRP the Special Board must go back to the Department of State several times
- Funding will give us money (grant was authorized in 2006) and being able to apply for future funding
- By mid August we should have a signed contract by the State of New York
- As money is spent invoices get sent and money will be reimbursed

- State must approve the RFP (request for proposals). Main expenditure should be for consultants
- EPF money, i.e. this grant money, is restored into our budget. (Environmental Protection Fund)
- Time limit is 3 years starting in December 2006. There are extensions to this rule that can be applied for and generally approved.
- Contract for grant is vision, issues, opportunities, strategies for implementation.,

Mermell moved to proceed with the LWRP. Square seconded the motion. Barbaro asked before a vote took place what the disadvantages would be to go along with the LWRP process. Disadvantages include needing to follow strict guidelines, frequent reporting to the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, overseer of LWRPs and the source of the grant. The Board voted unanimously to proceed with the LWRP.

Impellizzeri asked for permission from the Board to send the draft Request for Proposals to the Department of State for preliminary review. Mermell moved to allow Impellizzeri to send the document to the Department of State. Barbaro seconded. Foley abstained since she had not had the opportunity to review the document. The motion was approved. Impellizzeri suggested sending the RFP to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Mermell noted that members of the Department of State came to talk to the Special Board early in the process, to explain what had to be done for the LWRP. There is a certain format that must be followed and specific steps that must be taken in doing an LWRP. He suggested since there are so many new members we should ask the DOS to come back in to talk to the Special Board.

Mermell explained that "Waterfront" is defined by the LWRP to include our entire Village.

4. Marathon Battery and Waterfront Report

A copy of the report will be submitted to every board member. Armstrong's hope is to have a draft prepared by the first meeting in August.

Impellizzeri suggested that some issues discussed may be very controversial and visualization is important. The idea of having a report done by the first week in August was discussed as possibly being too soon. The Board is looking to gather facts, representations, present promising options and choices for the areas of interest. Armstrong felt that the visualization process should be a part of the report. In the end Armstrong suggested we start working on the report and look into the progress in acquiring appropriate images as the August date draws near.

5. Letter to the Editor of the PCNR:

Square said she was concerned about the letter that Armstrong and Impellizzeri sent to the Editor, noting that it had not been reviewed by the Special Board. Armstrong responded that the letter was just sent to correct mistakes that were published in the paper, and that it was important to respond in a timely manner. Square stated she would like the Special Board to have the opportunity to review any correspondence sent to the newspaper, before it goes out. She felt her name is attached because the document represents the Board as a whole. Mermell agreed with Square.

A copy of the Sunshine Law was passed out for review.

Impellizzeri moved to go into executive session to discuss Special Board appointments. Square seconded the motion. The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. After the Executive Session, the

Special Board issued a recommendation to the Village Board that Armstrong be named Chair and Impellizzeri Vice-Chair of the Special Board.

Anne Impellizzeri, Acting Co-Chair

Date

Michael Armstrong, Chair

Date