

**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING
SPECIAL BOARD for a
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN**

**Minutes
Meeting of February 24, 2011
At Village Hall, Main Street**

Present: Mike Armstrong, Chair; Anne Impellizzeri, Vice Chair; Members: Marie Early, Cathryn Fadde, Marshall Mermell, Anthony Phillips, Michael Reisman, Catharine Square

Absent: Karen Doyle

Also present: Dan Miller (DEC, Habitat Restoration Coordinator), Bruce Campbell, liaison

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Remarks of Chair

Mike Armstrong welcomed Dan Miller to the meeting and said Dan would give a presentation on shoreline issues. Armstrong reminded everyone that the Village Board Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing will be held on March 1 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's hall; he said he hoped that everyone would attend if possible. He asked that if there are any comments or corrections to the Inventory and Analysis list provided by Michele Greig, please send the comments/corrections to him by March 2; the topic will be on the agenda for the March 10 Special Board meeting. Anne Impellizzeri noted that the list identifies materials that are missing from all of the work done previously, including Working Group work. Impellizzeri noted that the Village Board accepted the offer from the Special Board to meet with DEC remediation people about the MGP site and make a report; Impellizzeri is attempting to line up Bill Ottoway from the DEC to meet with the Special Board. She has drafted a summary of the conversation with Bill; she's sent it to him for his comments. Once she gets his response, she'll send it to the Special Board. He questions the value of meeting with the Special Board but Anne is continuing to try to get his comments.

Minutes of February 10 meeting

Catharine Square disagreed with the minutes of the February 10 meeting, specifically the motion to recommend to the Village Board to change the contract with GreenPlan relative to the individual who will be the illustrator. Marie Early is going to review the tape of that meeting to confirm the minutes. As a result, the February 10 minutes are on hold.

Treasurer's Report; discussion of budget

Cathryn Fadde reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She noted that there were no expenses paid in January. Early asked if the Treasurer's Report could be structured so that it contained year-to-date expenses only. Fadde agreed. Square made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report amended to contain months through and

including January. Marshall Mermell seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously. Amended report is attached.

Armstrong discussed the allocation of grant monies based upon the advice at the last meeting from DOS liaison Jaimie Ethier that all Comprehensive Plan expenses can be submitted for reimbursement under the DOS grant. The remaining funds for LWRPlan activities would amount to approximately \$22,990 assuming expenses of approximately \$1,514 per Fadde's estimate for two workshops, one in May and one in September. Mermell asked that the \$22,990 be mapped against the LWRPlan tasks and against the GreenPlan projected expenses. Armstrong agreed to do that work.

Discussion of village riverside boundary proposal

Armstrong explained that because of legal technicalities he had asked the Village attorney for a proposal or an estimate of the cost for performing the work to define the waterfront boundary. The response from the Village attorney was that it would take 3 to 5 hours (roughly \$500 to \$800) to perform the work. It was also noted that most municipalities' boundaries go to the center line of the Hudson River. However, that is not the case for the Village of Cold Spring. For Cold Spring, the boundary is the low water mark in 1846. This is very unusual; case law needs to be examined. There are two facts that affect this: the natural boundary changes and manmade changes in the boundary. Armstrong has asked Jaimie Ethier (Department of State) if he can assist in this definition, prior to requesting the Village attorney to proceed. No decision has been made to request the Village attorney to proceed.

Dan Miller (DEC) Presentation and discussion, shoreline issues and opportunities

Dan Miller began his PowerPoint presentation by stating that he has resources, and can help. He is the Habitat Restoration Coordinator for the Hudson Estuary Program in the DEC. Among his comments: he is participating in the Sustainable Shoreline project; he is not part of the regulatory process; the only Hudson River sea-level crossing of the Appalachian chain of mountains is here in the Hudson Highlands; the shoreline is essential to the ecosystem; much of the structures that have been placed over the last 100 years are failing; new structures and/or rebuilt structures can be created in a manner more sensitive to the river; fill areas are not stable; stabilizing shorelines is a common problem that needs addressing; can shorelines be managed to support both the ecosystem and cultural/recreational needs; vertical bulkheads are the least ecologically desirable shoreline structure while being the most effective in high energy areas and in deep water access; the DEC is researching bio-engineered solutions; the Hudson in the area of Cold Spring is an extremely high energy area of the river; the northwest corner of Dockside is extremely vulnerable to erosion due to a number of factors; there are areas of valuable submerged aquatic vegetation along the Cold Spring shoreline – the DEC is very protective of areas such as these; cadmium contamination may still exist; there may be contamination at other sites as well – this is not a problem to the DEC until the soil is moved; Cold Spring is very fortunate to have its shoreline; there is no “one size fits all” for shoreline protection – evaluate your needs to determine what the best solution is; the DEC does not normally allow fill to be added to the river to extend the shoreline to the point of old pylons – however, given the conditions north of Dockside, the DEC might seriously consider such a proposal; there are no strategies available for preventing silting such as exists south of the main dock; when asked what could be done with the pond area north of the Mayor's Park, he advised very passive use such as bird watching; he also said that in today's economic environment, the DEC does not award grants; the DOS

may provide grants and they should be contacted; he was asked if there are any communities which have successfully removed contaminants and successfully developed their shorelines – he said not to his knowledge, most communities have shied away from the effort involved; what can be done in the short term to address erosion at Dockside – the best bet would be to armor the point with mixed-grade riprap; where could an in-river swimming pool be sited – he didn’t know; Dan said he would provide financial estimates of previous studies; he will see if he can provide a copy of his presentation; ensure that anything you consider is flood-compatible – don’t build a structure that can be destroyed or damaged by flood conditions.

Public Comments

Public comments and questions were handled during Dan Miller’s presentation.

Adjournment

Fadde made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Square and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marie Early, Secretary
 Cathryn Fadde, Treasurer

Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan Special Board Project Budget 2010-2011

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	2010/11
CONSULTANT FEES AND SERVICES									
GREENPLAN		3,755.00			1820.00				5,575.00
HHLT - MAPPING						975.00			975.00
Consultant Fees/Services - Greenplan Totals	0.00	3,755.00	0.00	0.00	1,820.00	975.00	0.00	0.00	6,550.00
EXPENSES									
Supplies & Materials									
PRINTING						395.00			395.00
PHOTOCOPIES									0.00
POSTAGE		1.22			42.44		112.00		155.66
MISC. SUPPLIES									0.00
									0.00
Supplies & Materials Totals	0.00	1.22	0.00	0.00	42.44	395.00	112.00	0.00	550.66

Media/Marketing/PR									
ADVERTISING						172.20			172.20
LEGAL NOTICES	41.00		4.71				58.24		103.95
DIRECT MAIL - POSTCARDS					261.00				261.00
									0.00
Media/Marketing/PR Totals	41.00	0.00	4.71	0.00	261.00	172.20	58.24	0.00	537.15
Other Costs									
VIDEOTAPING									0.00
FACILITY RENTAL									0.00
EVENT SUPPLIES									0.00
TRAINING									0.00
MISC. REIMBURSED EXPENSES									0.00
RECLASSIFIED FARMERS MKT					159.90				159.90
Other Costs Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	41.00	3,756.22	4.71	0.00	2,283.34	1,542.20	170.24	0.00	7,797.71
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	CONSULTANT BALANCE:								
	MISC. BALANCE:								

Signed,

Michael Armstrong