

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

**Minutes
Meeting of October 13, 2011
At Village Hall, 85 Main Street**

Present: Mike Armstrong, Chair; Anne Impellizzeri, Vice-Chair; Members: Karen Doyle, Marie Early, Stephanie Hawkins, Michael Reisman, Dick Weissbrod

Absent: Cathryn Fadde, Anthony Phillips

Also present: Michele Greig, GreenPlan

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Remarks of Chair

Mike Armstrong welcomed Michele Greig to the meeting. Armstrong informed the Special Board that the draft LWRS document was published by noon on Oct. 7, not on Oct. 10 as originally planned, since Oct. 10 was a holiday. At the same time as it was published, email blasts went out on the Village web informing people that the LWRS had been published and providing the link to the document; copies were placed at the Village Office and at Butterfield Library, and an ad and press release were given to the local papers. Lastly, a display has been placed in the Village Offices containing an enlarged copy of the Future Land and Water Use map and the legend defining each of the districts and an additional email blast went out on Oct. 11.

Minutes – October 6 meeting

Stephanie Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick Weissbrod and approved unanimously with Michael Reisman abstaining (Reisman had not attended that meeting).

LWRP Grant Application

Armstrong and Anne Impellizzeri reported that the Village Board approved filing an LWRP Grant application to the State. Armstrong and Impellizzeri are to talk with Ted Fink on Oct. 14 to obtain his advice relative to the application. Impellizzeri will complete the application with advice from Fink and Jaime Ethier. Some of the questions which need to be addressed prior to filing the application is the amount of money to request, the schedule, and how much volunteer time will be needed as matching funds; the application deadline is Oct. 31. Armstrong noted that he thought it would be January or February before the State determines which grants are awarded.

Full Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy: Presentation and Discussion

Prior to the presentation, Armstrong provided some information which: gave the background on how the CP/LWRP got started; provided some information about the funding for the work (almost the entire amount of expenses were covered by the grant and volunteer time – the Village put up a small amount of money); identified the status of the Comprehensive Plan that the Village Trustees are working on; described the 2006 contractual requirements; and lastly gave a brief comparison of a Comprehensive Plan versus a Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy.

Armstrong made a PowerPoint presentation that covered key sections of the LWRS document including the Table of Contents, “what is an LWRS”, the boundaries (land and water), Inventory and Analysis, Land and Water Uses, Guiding Principles, the updated Goals, Objectives and Recommendations, Key Projects, additional projects, the Appendix, and possible next steps – an LWRP and its benefits. He also highlighted the major differences between the Comprehensive Plan and the LWRS. During the PowerPoint presentation, Michele Greig elaborated on the criticality of the Future Land and Water Uses definitions and map.

The following questions/comments were made:

Surprised the Riverwalk isn't on the list of projects while a dog run is (response – the Riverwalk is blended into the Dockside and Village Garage Projects; honestly, we lost focus on it but we will have some discussion on the Riverwalk concept; it is still in the GORs. As for the dog run, the question is where it should be.)

What do the numbers on the FLAWU map represent (answer – water uses as explained in the explanatory text)
Shouldn't existing LAWU map be first in the document followed by FLAWU map

Page 56 has an error – figure 17 is out of place

When is the next meeting (answer – Oct. 27, in two weeks; the goal is to completed LWRS document by Nov. 10, provide it to the Village Trustees for their Nov. 15 meeting so that they can send it on to State prior to the Nov. 30 contractual deadline. The Special Board will also be meeting on Nov. 3 and Nov. 10)

Significant data has been collected through the CP and LWRS processes which could prove very instrumental in the future.

Relative to some of the new GORs, inter-municipal cooperation is very important.

Is marketing the Village as a destination in the LWRS? (answer – yes, since it was in the CP and no Recommendations from the CP have been dropped in the LWRS)

LWRP funding has heavy emphasis on economic development so that will be important in the application for funding for the LWRP. In addition, economic/business issues has been expanded greatly in the LWRS.

How does Cold Spring compare to other municipalities in the Hudson Valley (relative to having a CP/LWRS)? (answer – more towns have them than villages; the Village of Wappingers Falls just adopted their LWRS; towns have more resources; there is a website that identifies all approved LWRPs)

Has there been financial benefit to those communities that have an LWRP? (answer – somewhat anecdotally, you can see where there are projects underway; of course, right now, there are not a lot of funds available but it would be in the best interest of the Village to be ready (with an LWRP) when funds become available)

What is page 55 saying? (answer – some of the purple properties which are clustered should be considered as a whole because changes/issues can affect the entire group of properties)

The fine for littering in Vancouver is \$2,000 and almost all containers are recycled for money; homeless people have a sub-economy in recycled containers. (answer – this shows how policy can have a real effect on a community)

Public Comment

There were no other public comments.

Adjournment

Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Early and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Early, Secretary

Signed,

Michael Armstrong