

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

**Minutes  
Meeting of December 6, 2012  
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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

**Remarks of Chair**

Mike Armstrong said Anne Impellizzeri is preparing the annual status report for the State for the LWRP project; she will have that completed by the end of the month. Armstrong reported that there is an initiative to establish a trail from Cold Spring to Beacon. A joint application (with the Town of Fishkill, the City of Beacon, Cold Spring and Philipstown) is going out Dec. 7 for a Greenway \$15,500 matching grant to start the design work for the trail. There has been no word yet on the LOI (Letter of Intent) on Dockside stabilization design project for a portion of the Cold Spring shoreline and Dockside. In seeking sites in two communities, they want to try multiple methods of shoreline stabilization in the project. Armstrong reported that \$13,000 has been spent to date out of the \$24,250 funds allocated to GreenPlan available from the \$27,000 grant. Armstrong said that he felt that we were in reasonable shape financially. He also reported that no speakers have committed thus far for the Jan. 19 workshop.

**Report of Planning Board Liaison**

Dick Weissbrod reported on Planning Board activities:

The Elmesco project was approved.

**Report of HDRB Liaison**

This will be covered at the next meeting.

**Greenway Update**

Impellizzeri reported that the grant application was submitted on Dec. 6. She also reported that Jaime Ethier recommends that Cold Spring become a Greenway Compact

Community, not just a Greenway Community. Greenway may change its rules in January to make this more desirable; Impellizzeri will keep the Special Board updated on that.

### **Schedule for 2013**

The meeting schedule thus far for 2013 is Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24. The workshop is scheduled for Jan. 19 from 2 to 4. Stephanie will be unable to attend the meeting on Jan. 10.

### **Draft Coastal Policies, continued**

There was discussion about the need for GreenPlan representation at the Jan. 19 workshop. Armstrong said that it was essential that we have clarity on the function of the CP, the function of the LWRS, the function of the LWRP, the function of the Greenway Compact, and GreenPlan could provide that. Armstrong said that his understanding of the functions of each have changed over time so others may also be experiencing confusion about the relationships and importance of each. GreenPlan could provide invaluable expertise in this, as well as in the area of policies.

Instead of a discussion on all policies on Jan. 19, a possibility may be to identify and discuss those policies which relate to the Village's intentions and actions to prepare for sea level rise/climate change. Thus far, the SB has received Policies 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 10 and a portion of 4; Policies 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and the remainder of 4 are still to be written by GreenPlan. Theoretically, GreenPlan is using the grid that was developed by the SB to customize the Policies.

As for the community workshop agenda, some introduction could be given concerning the CP/LWRS/LWRP and the policies; the speakers would address the science of sea level rise/climate change and what can be done. After the speakers' presentations, the discussion could then move to the specific policies in the LWRP which address/could assist in mitigating the effects of sea level rise/climate change and/or what expenditures should be considered/should be rejected by the municipality. This could include construction techniques, changes to the building code, zoning changes, etc. Advance promotion for the Jan. 19 community workshop will be critical to encourage people to attend. Posters and advertising would definitely be a part of the promotion for the workshop.

The potential speakers are Sacha Spector (Scenic Hudson) and Kristin Marcell (Hudson River Estuary). Sacha specializes in the science of climate change; Kristin specializes in what community choices/options are. Armstrong will try to get commitments by Dec. 20 to ensure that there is a reasonable agenda for Jan. 19, else the workshop will have to be rescheduled. All policies are due from GreenPlan by the end of January. GreenPlan suggests that the policy reviews by the Special Board will occur for

about a month, then preparation of the discussion of implementation strategies can begin in March. GreenPlan feels that the Land and Water Uses section could be lifted from the LWRS although some changes may be desired by the Special Board. Impellizzeri pointed out that there needs to be 3 public meetings – one in January, maybe one in May. Jaime Ethier will take 60 days for review by State and Federal agencies (June and July), so maybe September will be the target for a final LWRP meeting, then it is up for adoption by the Village Board. The last Village Board review of the projects in the LWRP was in August so that work seems to have been placed on hold.

It was proposed that a few members of the Special Board refine the plan for Jan. 19 and report back on Jan. 10. Volunteers are Michael Reisman, Marie Early, Impellizzeri and Armstrong.

Armstrong asked the SB members to send him a redlined version of the Policies containing their comments by Dec. 13; he'll consolidate and forward to GreenPlan. Armstrong will send a Word version of Section 10.

### **Formula Business Review Update, next steps**

Impellizzeri reported that Reisman had produced a document on the topic. Impellizzeri has created an outline for a report to the Village Board based on Steve Gaba's request, and has circulated it to SB members. A question was asked if Michele Greig had recommended an amendment to the CP. Impellizzeri's response was that yes we could do that, or we could make a recommendation to the Village Board. Reisman said that there needs to be a record to provide background to a zoning change. He said that it would be useful to review the CP and identify all those elements which would support a zoning change and he volunteered to do that. Impellizzeri volunteered to draft a definition of "village character".

It was agreed that the working group on Formula Businesses would prepare a report for the Jan. 10 meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Adjournment**

Early made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Hawkins and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Early, Secretary

Signed,

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Mike Armstrong