

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING PLANNING BOARD
85 MAIN STREET, COLD SPRING, NEW YORK 10516
Regular monthly meeting

January 6, 2009

Present: Chairman, Ransom Taggart; **Members:** Joseph Barbaro, Joseph Immorlica, Arne Saari & Placito Sgro

1. Proposed Zoning and Planning Code Changes:

The Board members reviewed a letter which asked the Planning Board members to review and respond to proposed changes to the Village Zoning and Planning Codes. The Board members also reviewed a list of proposed zoning code changes written by the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman. A meeting will take place Tuesday, January 27, 2009 to discuss the proposed code changes. However, the Planning Board will not be able to reply by January 27, 2009 but they will discuss the proposed changes at their February meeting.

2. Escrow Accounts:

It was noted by the Planning Board members that the Scenic Hudson escrow account must be replenished.

The Planning Board gave the secretary permission to write to all applicants to inform them when their escrow accounts need replenishment.

J. Immorlica moved to authorize the Treasurer to refund \$1,702.00 in escrow for the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration. **A. Saari** seconded the motion. The motion was accepted 5-0.

3. Bills:

J. Immorlica moved to pay the membership dues for New York Planning Federation in the amount of \$150.00 per year to be paid. **A. Saari** seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0.

A bill from Putnam Engineering in the amount of \$1,687.50 for other services for Scenic Hudson Foundry Dam dated 12/05/08 was not approved for the Chairman's signature because there was no voucher attached.

4. Minutes:

The December 2, 2008 minutes were reviewed. **J. Immorlica** moved to adopt the minutes as presented. **J. Barbaro** seconded the motion. **A. Saari** abstained since he was not present at the December 2, 2008 meeting. The minutes were adopted by a vote of 4-0.

5. Correspondence:

- Letter from Mayor Phillips (written by Mary Saari, Village Clerk) authorizing the distribution of legal privileged correspondence, discussed at the December 2, 2008 meeting, from the Village Attorney Mr. Steve Gaba to members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Rural Futures – magazine for review
- Letter from Rita Shaheen regarding cancelling the January 13, 2009 meeting after attending a meeting with the Chairman of the Planning Board and Mayor Phillips regarding the Scenic Hudson Upper Dam and Scenic Hudson Foundry Preserve.

J. Immorlica asked how the Mayor and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) got involved in the meeting with the Scenic Hudson projects. **R. Taggart** responded that he stated his concern over the upper dam being in the R-1 district and not in the I-1 district as previously thought which would mean the Planning Board does not have to review the project. There was also concern over the Haul Road. **R. Taggart** asked representatives from Scenic Hudson for a letter letting the Planning Board know that they either wish to continue with the upper dam project or that they are going to withdraw their application. **J. Immorlica** stated he will not attend any meeting involving the upper dam if Scenic Hudson wishes to continue since the upper dam is in the R-1 zone which means it does not need a review from the Planning Board.

A Workshop meeting was not scheduled for the Scenic Hudson Foundry Preserve project until the Mayor meets with the NYSDOT regarding the Haul Road.

6. Board Business:

J. Immorlica discussed a letter written by Rob Cameron, Putnam Engineering, regarding the Planning Board taking lead agency for the Scenic Hudson upper dam project. One line in the letter states any comments should be addressed to the Town's Consultant. **J. Immorlica** noted that Mr. Cameron is the Village of Cold Spring Planning Board consultant and not the consultant for the town. **J. Immorlica** questioned whether or not a stamped signature would be considered legal.

A. Saari moved to adjourn the meeting. **P. Sgro** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Ransom Taggart, Chairman

Date