

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

November 6, 2012

Present: Chairman; Joseph Barbaro; Members; Arne Saari, Placito Sgro, Richard Weissbrod and Jimmy Zuehl

1. Chairmans opening remarks

Attached.

2. Inquires from the public:

A. Claudio Marzullo, 75 Main St. discussed a change of use with the Board members Mr. Marzollo is interested in a space on Main St. for a yoga studio since the recent hurricane damaged the existing space. A workshop meeting will be scheduled for later this month.

B. Juhee Lee-Hartford, River Architects, represented her client, Mr. Joe Meyer. Ms. Lee-Hartford noted her client recently purchased 2 lots on Kemble Ave, tax map numbers 48.12-2-74-1 and 74-2 and questioned a protected road that cuts across the property. The Planning Board members noted they will review the file and get back to Ms. Lee-Hartford.

C. Alexi Katetos, 32 West St. discussed possibly enlarging Moo Moos Creamery using an currently existing apartment.

3. Correspondence:

- Village of Cold Spring Mayor and Board of Trustees - Proposed Zoning law for review
- Minutes from other boards to review.

A. Saari moved to adjourn the meeting and **P. Sgro** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at about 9:38 P.M.

Joseph Barbaro, Planning Board Chairman

Date

Chairman's Opening Remarks for Planning Board Meeting on 11/6/2012

I have recently written 2 letters to the Putnam County News & Recorder as chairman of the Cold Spring Planning Board. The first letter was a few months ago entitled "Butterfield and Our Seniors", and it included several sentences critical of the PCN&R's untoward editorial bias against the Planning Board in their coverage on Butterfield. Mr. Douglas Cunningham, editor of the PCN&R, contacted me prior to publication of my letter, to inform me that those sentences had to be removed for my letter to be included in that week's edition of the newspaper. His reasons were, quite frankly, bizarre. I reluctantly agreed since getting the message out about the Planning Board's concern for seniors was more important than my criticism of the PCN&R's bias against this board.

My most recent letter entitled "Hail the Historic Board" had part of its 3rd paragraph removed and the remainder was tied together in some weird fashion that changed my original intent. What was removed was my criticism of the previous week's article on my appearance before the Historic Board, where that article's slant tried to create the impression of a difficult relationship between the Historic Board and myself as chairman of the Planning Board. This time, Mr. Cunningham performed his editorial surgery without bothering to notify me.

Yesterday I was informed by Stephanie Hawkins of the Special Board that her letter criticizing last week's PCN&R article entitled "Paralysis in the Village" was refused publication by Mr. Cunningham since he will not tolerate criticism of that paper's articles.

For a newspaper that professes a doctrine of freedom and objects to any limitations upon it, Mr. Cunningham's acting like a petty Chinese Communist bureaucrat censoring criticism of his handiwork is the worst kind of irony. This is glass-jaw journalism where he can dish out criticism but can't take the hit when his newspaper articles and editorial slant are criticized. And it also should make you wonder how many other letters to the editor have received the 1984 treatment; that is, receiving an adjustment or receiving a burial. That makes the PCN&R an unreliable source for unbiased, evenhanded journalism. Our community deserves better than this, and I hope Mr. Cunningham changes his ways. Freedom runs in both directions, not just his.