

**The Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees
Workshop Meeting**

September 2, 2008

Members Present: Mayor Anthony Phillips, Trustee Seth Gallagher, Trustee Edward Mancari, Trustee Gordon Robertson and Trustee John Teagle

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

1. Parrott Street Trees:

Ms. Margaret Whalen, Co-chair of the Parrott Street Tree Preservation Committee and several residents of this street brought forth their tree/tree stump concerns to the Village Board of Trustees. Ms. Margaret Whalen spoke on behalf of the Parrott Street residents. Tree stumps left for about three years after the trees had been removed were a big concern. The Parrott Street residents requested the removal of all three tree stumps by the village, especially the one in front of the Santos Property (54 Parrott Street). It was felt by the residents that the tree stump at 54 Parrott was dangerous. Residents requested a shade tree, not a flowering tree, to be planted in front of the Santos Property to replace the tree that had been cut down.

Mayor Phillips responded by saying the tree stump in front of the Santos Property will be ground down below grade, covered by ground cover and seeded since a new side walk was recently installed. The Village will look at the other two stumps to determine how they will be removed.

Trustee J. Teagle responded that he did not believe the Village would plant a new tree that will grow to be 80 feet tall.

Trustees S. Gallagher and G. Robertson along with Vice Chair of the Special Board Karen Dunn spoke briefly about a New York State Urban Forestry Grant. It is a three phase process and involves the following: survey of Village trees, public education and planting.

A question was asked by one resident of Parrott St. regarding who is responsible for the trees. Mayor Phillips responded that the Village will remove dead branches. The trees planted by the Village are native to this area and do not require extra care.

One resident from Parrott St. asked how to get a tree planted in front of her property. Mayor Phillips responded she must go to the Village Clerk for an application.

2. Public Service Commission:

Mayor Phillips recently wrote the attached complaint to the Public Service Commission regarding utility poles that need to be removed. The Village received a response by the New York State Department of Public Services stating that the matter will be investigated. If Verizon does not respond a hearing will take place with the Public Service Commission.

3. Other Grant Information:

The Village received a grant regarding installation of handicapped accessible sidewalk ramps, replacing sidewalks and changing the light fixtures on Main St. The light fixtures will be approved by the Historic District Review Board.

The Village has received a price for insulation in the ceilings at Village Hall and the Cold Spring Fire House. The insulation will save money on fuel. The cost of a new hot water heater for the firehouse is being investigated.

4. Other Board Business:

On October 8, 2008 SUNY New Palz is offering a conference to municipal officials on "Government on the Energy Gridiron" details will follow. Trustee S. Gallagher spoke to Greg Phillips asking him to look at the blower motors.

Investigation of contamination on New Street will start soon and will take a couple of weeks to complete. If a walk through is scheduled, Trustee G. Robertson asked to be present.

Carol Casparian and Karen Dunn from the Special Board were asked if they would prefer another date for the Comprehensive Board party due to heavy rain predictions. The Trustees will inform C. Casparian and K. Dunn of the date change.

C. Casparian and K. Dunn reminded the Trustees of their first upcoming stakeholders meeting.

The contract with New York State for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan is now available for review. C. Casparian and possibly other Special Board members will review the contract with Mayor Phillips before it is signed by the Mayor.

5. Updates from other meetings:

Overgrowth of weeds on Route 9D - nothing has been done yet but Mayor Phillips noted the state is clearing brush on streets around the area.

Collection of electronics – Trustee S. Gallagher asked if the Village can set up a drop-off place for collection of electronics and have the Village crew deliver items to the town. Mayor Phillips thought it would not be cost effective for the Village. Trustee S. Gallagher will look into the possibility of the Town of Philipstown dropping off a dumpster or having a truck available so it would not cost the Village anything.

The collection of Freon containing air conditioners at the upcoming Town of Philipstown clean up day will not be advertised in anyway by the village until information is verified by Betty Budney of the Town of Philipstown Council.

Trustee G. Robertson commended Village Clerk, Mary Saari for her work on the Village web site.

Trustee G. Robertson thought the fireworks were fabulous and the Village of Cold Spring Police Department did a great job. Trustee S. Gallagher asked who will organize next year's fireworks. Mayor Phillips responded that a meeting will take place soon for anyone interested. At that meeting, there will be discussion on the length of next year's Quadra-Centennial event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Linda Valentino