

**Board of Trustee Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Anthony Phillips and Trustees: Edward T. Mancari, John Teagle, Gordon Robertson, and Seth J. Gallagher

Also present: Stephen Gaba, Village Attorney, Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant, George Tompkins, Building Inspector, Donald MacDonald, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

Members of the Public: Carol Casparian and Karen Dunn of the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Special Board, Betty Budney of the Town of Philipstown Council, Kevin Foley of the PCN&R

Absent: J. Ralph Falloon, Fire Inspector

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donald MacDonald, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals presented an updated, color-coded Village Zoning map. The zoning map in use has not been updated since 1976. MacDonald stressed that the intent of this project was to represent what currently exists and not to make any changes. In addition, he prepared a zoning conformance chart showing existing dimensional requirements for all districts.

S. Gaba advised that the board must adopt a local law to accept the updated map. The conformance chart could be added as part of the code by local law or a resolution could add it as a supplement.

John Teagle questioned the recreational zoning designation for the private property on West Street, located adjacent to and north of, the village waterfront park. The Village Clerk will provide copies of the research on the zoning designation for this parcel.

Teagle also questioned whether the entire parcel at the intersection of Paulding Avenue and Bank Street should be shown as B-1, as one corner was not shaded. A change will be made to accurately represent the zoning on this parcel.

S. Gaba will prepare a resolution to introduce a draft local law for updating the zoning map, adding a zoning conformance chart and scheduling a public hearing.

Donald MacDonald was thanked for his work.

The minutes of the 8/12/08, 08/19/08, 8/26/08 and 9/02/2008 meetings were presented. Trustee Robertson made a motion to approve of the minutes as submitted and seconded by Trustee Teagle and unanimously approved.

Financial Report

During the last week, Ellen Mageean has been working with computer support to correct errors in the General Ledger. As a result, all accounts are now balanced and current. The

AUD will be completed by October. Advance payment in the amount of \$40,500 has been received from NYSERTA for an energy grant. Payment of \$9,000 was received from Putnam County as part of a Hudson River Estuary Grant. The board discussed interest rates and the possible use of a lock box for payments. Mayor expressed appreciation for Ms. Mageean's work. Trustee Mancari made a motion to accept the financial report and seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously approved.

Building Inspector – Trustee Teagle made a motion to accept this report and seconded by Trustee Mancari and unanimously approved. Mayor questioned whether permits were required to install insulation in Village Hall. G. Tompkins will handle permits.

Fire Inspector- Correspondence (**attached**) was received from J. Ralph Falloon, Fire Inspector regarding regulation of wood burning stoves within the village.

Police Department – Monthly report for August was presented. Trustee Robertson inquired about adding fuel surcharges to speeding tickets. S. Gaba commented that surcharges cannot be added, except by permission of the Justice Court. However, he will investigate further. Trustee Gallagher motioned to approve this report and seconded by Trustee Mancari and unanimously approved.

Justice Court – Collection for August 2008 totaled \$6830. Trustee Mancari made a motion to accept this report and second by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously approved.

Wastewater Report – Last weekend, a strong odor of turpentine, paint thinner or the like, was noted in the wetwell at the treatment facility. The quantity and origin were not able to be determined, but a significant change in microorganisms has been noted as a result. Residents should be aware that anyone caught flushing or draining anything other than sanitary sewage into the system can be found in violation of code and punished accordingly.

Water Report- The replacement of the pressure reducing valve on Main Street has been completed and is currently in service. The final cost of the project has yet to be determined, as there are still outstanding invoices. A final report will follow. Comments on the project: It is necessary to point out that the years of experience Edward Trimble, G. Phillips and members of the Water/Highway Department brought to the table, resulted in a smooth transition during the project. The biggest inconvenience noted was the unavoidable noise of road plates during construction.

In addition, the cooperation of local vendors such as: Harold Lyons & Sons, Chirico Masonry, Valenti Concrete, Minutemen Construction and JTJ Tapping Services all combined to expedite the project.

Trustee Gallagher motioned to approve of the water and wastewater reports and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Report- Chamber requested a meeting with Mayor Phillips. Chamber will match the \$500 donated by the Merchant's Group. Sign was requested to direct visitors to Metro-North Railroad Station, approval given by MNR.

Trustee Mancari made a motion to accept the Chamber report and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Special Board Report- Liz Schvetchuk Armstrong submitted her resignation due to time constraints, effective November 1, 2008. At a recent Community Resources stakeholder's meeting, villagers identified services they considered underserved. The next stakeholder's meeting will be held on September 11th and will deal with the waterfront and its issues. Trustee Teagle motioned to accept this report and seconded by Trustee Mancari and unanimously accepted.

Recreation Commission- New signs for the parks have been produced but need to be installed by the Highway Department. Sculptures have been removed from the waterfront park but repairs to the grass need to be addressed. The Recreation Commission has some concerns about the summer concert series that will be addressed in future meetings. All applications for 2009 were tabled. An application to hold the Annual Halloween Parade on October 25th on Main Street from 9D to the dock was considered. Trustee Gallagher motioned to approve and seconded by Trustee Teagle and unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Residents received correspondence from Central Hudson informing them of tree trimming within the village. Mayor plans to meet with contractors and to monitor their work but the contractor's responsibility is to trim within three feet of power lines.

Philipstown cleanup is scheduled for October 4, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Putnam County has scheduled a hazardous waste cleanup day for October 18th at Fahnestock State Park.

Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees

A meeting will be held on September 11th to discuss the investigation of contamination at the site of the manufactured gas plant on New Street. The investigative work will begin on September 16 with completion expected by September 24th with the exception of air samples that will be taken from the interior of the boat club building in November.

The low bidder for the roof project at The Grove is willing to work with the Village Board. S. Gaba will be working on a contact and change orders to stay within the budget. Project involves removal of existing third story, removal of asbestos and installation of a water proof material on the roof.

The bills with check numbers 16046 to 16083 were audited and approved for payment. Trustee Mancari motioned to pay audited bills and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Trustee Robertson reviewed four proposals submitted for copy machines. Trustee Robertson made a motion to approve of the contract with Bell Copiers (\$132.00 per month) as per attached.

Mayor met with Cold Spring Fire Department to discuss concerns about fuel and electric bills. Insulation will be installed and quotes will be obtained for programmable thermostats.

Board entered into closed session to seek confidential legal advice.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk