

**Board of Trustee Monthly Meeting
October 14, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring was held on Tuesday, October 14, 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, J. Ralph Falloon, Fire Inspector

Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor of Highland Falls, Stella Bailey, Town of Highland Falls Historian, Vincent Tamagna, Putnam County Legislator

Members of the Public: Karen Dunn, Betty Budney of the Town of Philipstown Council, Peter Tomann, Village of Nelsonville Trustee, David Cooke, President of the Cold Spring Antique Dealers Association, James Hartford, T. Rolston, Charles Hustis and Kevin Foley of the PCN&R

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Vinny Tamagna, Putnam County Legislator and Hudson River Navigator then discussed the upcoming Quadracentennial celebration of Henry Hudson's voyage up the Hudson River and the importance of linkages. He challenged the community to seize this once in a lifetime opportunity and to work together toward bridging the villages of Highland Falls and Cold Spring. He pointed out that during the tricentennial, the federal Department of Transportation invested millions dollars on east-west crossings. He pointed out that there would be greater opportunities if the communities worked together.

Mayor D'Onofrio saw an east- west connection as a first along the Hudson River, a chance to make a mark and good for both communities. He discussed economic development and the opportunity for establishing regional tourism. He also pointed out that state agencies are interested in funding projects that have a lasting effect, such as "the bridge". He asked for a roundtable discussion and hoped the board would approve continued discussion.

Mayor Phillips commented that the dock is not adequate for multiple use and the village is currently seeking stewardship of the Dockside property. Trustee Gallagher saw a chance for residents to be able to take part in activities held at West Point. Trustee Robertson mentioned a link with West Point.

T. Rolston discussed transport via amphibious vehicles from a boat launch.

Stella Bailey, Town of Highland Historian pointed out similar histories between the two villages on both sides of the Hudson. The Fort Montgomery battle site is now open and provides a visitor's center. She called for the two villages to work together and offered her assistance.

Vinny Tamagna commented that a feasibility study should be performed. He estimated that the total project could take \$750,000 for each side and could be accomplished with federal and state assistance. Trustee Robertson asked if there was support from the other side of the county and discussed the issue of revenue sharing with Putnam County.

Trustee Gallagher pointed out that the increased number of visitors is not in the resident's

interest unless there is revenue sharing. He called for phasing in the revenue sharing over time to make it more palatable.

The minutes of the 9/9/08, 09/16/08, 9/23/08, 9/30/2008 and 10/7/2008 meetings were presented. Trustee Mancari made a motion to approve of the minutes as submitted and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Financial Report

Ellen Mageean reviewed the attached sheet showing revenues, expenditures and fund equity.

The attached **Resolution #2008-39** authorizing budgetary adjustments for computer software purchases, state retirement, gasoline expenses, vehicle repairs was voted on and approved.

Building Inspector – Five building permits and one certificate of occupancy were issued, two inspections were performed with twenty- eight miscellaneous inquiries responded to. Trustee Teagle made a motion to accept this report and seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously approved.

Fire Inspector- Mr. Falloon started to work on Emergency Action Plans for the three village dams with Putnam County Emergency Management, as required by the NYSDEC. Two questions were asked of legal counsel as follows: 1. After the village board agrees on the amount for alarm permit fees and fines, can the village implement them or does this require a change in the law? 2. Can the village collect fines from the alarm permit, like a parking ticket so an offender can send in the fines if they wish to do so or do we have to continue with issuance of appearance tickets?

Trustee Gallagher pointed out that the board agreed to prohibit outdoor wood burning furnaces. Mayor Phillips suggested adoption of the town resolution that prohibited such use. However, Trustee Gallagher favored a village resolution that would make it clearer. Trustee Teagle made a motion to accept the Fire Inspector report and seconded by Trustee Mancari and unanimously approved.

Police Department – Trustee Robertson moved to accept the police report and second by Trustee Mancari and unanimously approved.

Justice Court reported collection of \$11,035.00 during the month of September. Trustee Mancari motioned to accept this report and seconded by Trustee Teagle and unanimously approved.

Water Report – A hydrant flush was completed last week. The scheduled commercial sprinkler testing, completed during the same period, went off successfully and will be added to standard operating procedure. Reservoir levels are at 85% of capacity. Trustee Teagle motioned to accept this report and seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously approved.

Wastewater Report- Daily observations and compliance testing show an acceptable effluent.

Trustee Mancari motioned to approve of the wastewater report and seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously approved.

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Report- The Chamber is investigating the rental of handicapped accessible toilets to be used during the summer months. During concerts and other times of peak usage the public areas tend to have fairly long lines. The fall festival went as well as could be expected considering the weather. The Village will receive \$400 in vendor's fees. There was brief discussion about changing the public restrooms to unisex, but no decision was made.

Recreation Commission – In response to problems with the restrooms at Mayor's park, the Recreation Commission recommended that applicants requesting use of the pavilion and having a party with over seventy-five people be required to provide portable toilets. Also, there will be a twenty-four hour window for removal after the event. Rand Otten of PARC requested permission to hold a Cold Spring by Candlelight event on December 6, 2008 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This application was approved by the Recreation Board. Trustee Mancari motioned to approve of this use and second by Trustee Teagle and unanimously approved. Trustee Gallagher offered to open Village Hall for ticket sales.

Approval of bills: The bills with check numbers 16150 to 16172 were audited. Trustee Mancari moved to approve payment of the audited bills and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved. Cash requirements as per attached.

The Grove – Stephen Gaba presented two proposed resolutions for review. The first resolution would award the contract for repair and restoration work at The Grove to the low bidder, Yankee Construction. The second resolution would authorize change orders and adjust the scope of the project. In subsequent discussion, Trustee Gallagher commented that it was a mistake to proceed with this work. He offered that the village doesn't have the funds to redo this building and any grants would require a match. He added that people want to purchase this building and would like the 1,600 square feet provided by the third story. He believed that the building could be sold for \$250,000. Trustee Gallagher wants to entertain the idea of a sale and to consider putting this out to the public for proposals and to determine what the public would like to do. Trustee Teagle commented that he doesn't think that this (the hip roof) was the way it always was in the historic building. He agreed with Trustee Gallagher that if someone took over the building they would appreciate the third story. Also, Trustee Teagle doesn't see this building being used by the village. There was additional discussion about why this matter was brought up at the last minute, since there were public meetings addressing this matter in the past. Also, brought up were concerns for the possible loss of donated monies.

Tom Rolston added that the individual that donated these funds would be willing to apply the money to something else.

Trustee Teagle moved to table for one week and seconded by Trustee Gallagher. Trustee Mancari voted no, Mayor Phillips voted no, Trustee Robertson voted present, Trustee

Gallagher voted yes and Trustee Teagle voted yes. Stephen Gaba advised that as this vote was a tie, it defeats the motion.

Trustee Mancari pointed out that asbestos abatement activities would need to proceed even if the building was going to be sold.

After additional discussion, Trustee Robertson introduced **Resolution 2008-40** and seconded by Trustee Mancari. Vote: Trustees Mancari, Robertson and Mayor Phillips in favor and Trustees Teagle and Gallagher opposed.

Trustee Mancari introduced **Resolution 2008-41** and seconded by Trustee Robertson. Vote: Trustees Mancari, Robertson and Mayor Phillips voted in favor with Trustees Gallagher and Teagle opposed.

It was agreed that The Grove would be on the agenda for the next workshop.

Resolution 2008-42 accepting winter parking regulations was considered. Trustee Mancari asked to amend the resolution to include that the message will also be on the Village website. Mayor Phillips favored maintaining one location at the Highway Garage for information. Trustee Teagle motioned to accept the winter parking regulations as per attached and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Public Discussion

B. Budney commented that the Town of Philipstown had a successful fall cleanup. Air conditioners, computers, and electronic devices will be collected at the Philipstown landfill/ recycling center on the second Saturday of each month.

Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees

A meeting will be arranged with the Town of Philipstown Council to discuss a proposal for the Cold Spring Fire Company #1 to provide firematic services to Philipstown.

Board members discussed possible options for docking of large boats. Concerns were voiced about the short time before the quadracentennial celebration and the limits that this placed on building a dock. Also discussed was reaching out to the Cold Spring Boat Club for assistance. Lastly, the possibility of using a floating barge similar to what is used in Beacon was proposed.

Trustee Gallagher reported on a Government on the Energy Gridiron conference he recently attended. Recommendations were made for down-sizing vehicles to V6 engines to save fuel, establishing an anti-idling policy, hydrogen gas stations, and reuse of asphalt for repaving projects. Also, brought out was the possibility of saving on electrical purchases by buying electrical power as a group. Board members agreed to investigate this option. Trustee Gallagher would like to proceed with a Village newsletter and asked for additional discussion at upcoming workshops.

The board entered into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Saari, Village Clerk