

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

December 30, 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. Lighting:

Mr. Andrew Chmar from Hudson Highlands Land Trust readdressed possible new lighting at the Cold Spring dock. Previously, the Mayor and Board of Trustees met with Mr. Chmar at the dock to preview a light demonstration.

The lights currently at the Cold Spring dock are 15 years old and are in need of repair or possible replacement. The ballard lights that were previously demonstrated cost about \$1,900 each which would be about \$40,000 for the cost of the all the replacement lights. Mr. Chmar suggested several ways he could get the ballard lights at no cost to the Village, such as adopt a light where a plaque would be placed naming those who adopted the lights. Other suggestions were to obtain funds from grants or foundation money. The Board members took a consensus and decided unanimously to have Mr. Chmar look into ways of acquiring money for the lights, so Village residents would not be charged. Mayor Phillips also informed Mr. Chmar of an upcoming Village Board workshop meeting which will take place on January 20, 2009 to discuss funding for Main St.

2. Energy Reduction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Mr. Peter Henderson reviewed a Draft Report entitled Energy Reduction and Onsite Generation Opportunities at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities (report attached).

3. Parking:

Mr. Michael Armstrong reviewed his progress with the parking project and stated that it is being worked on and it should be completed soon. Mr. Armstrong discussed one concern of several village residents regarding underground power lines and how it could possibly tie into a \$250,000 grant for Main Street lighting and new wheelchair accessible sidewalks. The possibility of preliminary work being done while the new wheelchair accessible sidewalks are being installed was discussed. The issue needs to be looked into in greater detail.

A discussion ensued as to whether or not the Comprehensive Board Special Groups should be doing different studies suggested by the Village Board of Trustees instead of the Village Board of Trustees appointing their own study group. Mr. Armstrong suggested having the Infrastructure Working Group do the work studies needed by the Village Board of Trustees and he will ask that all work being done for the Village Board be expedited.

4. New York Conference of Mayors' Workshop:

Trustee G. Robertson moved to allow Village Clerk, Mary Saari, to attend the New York Conference of Mayors' Workshop on January 15, 2009. Trustee E. Mancari seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

5. Firehouse Phone Service:

Verizon has looked into two phone lines at the Village of Cold Spring Firehouse. It was determined that one line was no longer used. (845) 265-2400 that line will be disconnected for a savings to the Village of \$35.00 per month. The second line works sporadically and will be checked by Verizon so it can be repaired.

6. Water Shutoff:

The Board received a letter from a tenant in Nelsonville regarding information she received about her water being shut off due to her landlord not paying the bill. The Board members discussed the issue and determined that it is the responsibility of the landlord to pay the water bill. A final notice letter will be written to the landlord letting him know that he owes for the water bill or the water could be shut off.

7. Insurance:

Trustee G. Robertson is still looking into employee insurance and believes the Village can start accepting bids from insurance companies in 2009.

8. Bills:

Trustee E. Mancari moved to have the bills paid that have been audited. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Trustee E. Mancari moved to have the workshop portion of the meeting closed to go into executive session at 9:25 pm to discuss personnel. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The Board went into executive session at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Valentino