

Board of Trustee Workshop Meeting
April 7, 2009

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustee Bruce Campbell, Trustee Lynn Miller

Absent: Trustee J. Ralph Falloon and Trustee Gordon Robertson

Representatives of the following organizations attended: Cold Spring Boat Club, Chamber of Commerce, Cold Spring Fire Company, Cold Spring Merchants Association, Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry School Museum, Garrison Art Center, Building Bridges and Building Boats, Butterfield Library, Constitution Island, Tiny Tots Park, Hudson Highland Land Trust, Sea Tow Hudson River, residents and business owners

Mayor Gallagher opened the meeting and requested public input on the Quadricentennial Celebration scheduled for July 4, 2009. The initial plan is to have an “old fashioned community day” at the waterfront including fireworks. Additional events under consideration include holding a parade.

Chris Tobin of the Cold Spring Fire Company recommended launching fireworks from a barge as this would decrease the amount of space required for setting off the display. An additional charge of approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 would be added to the \$10,000 cost of the fireworks.

John Dunn of Fish Street commented that the residents on the West Side of the railroad tracks will bear the brunt of the celebration as the public doesn't see this area as residential.

Mayor Gallagher asked for “brain-storming” for the event. The following thoughts were put forth:

Create cardboard boats for children, work with the PTA for a theatrical presentation to be included in parade, craft booth, (Gillian Thorpe, Butterfield Library), arrange for PT Boat (although it may be booked) holding a carnival at Dockside, events at the Tiny Tots' Park, events at the Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry Museum, box car derby, pie judging contest, cooking competition, games of chance (North Highlands Fire Company owns equipment), greased pole climb, dunk tank, concert, tug of war, kayak rides, sidewalk sale, cotton candy truck, having restaurants prepare food and sell items.

Boat Club members offered to set up a food booth.

Roger Chirico offered the services of the boat club and mentioned that the Sheriff's Department takes care of boats in the Harbor.

Mayor Gallagher recommended creating a web presence to describe events and to include a map.

Parking

Suggested sites for parking included: Metro-North train station, Marathon Battery property, Haldane School and the Butterfield Hospital property.

Limit Main Street parking

Concerns were put forth about supplying adequate handicapped parking.

Traffic Control

Recommend closing lower Main Street to vehicles.

Consider making selected roadways one-way, importance of signage.

Coordinate with emergency personnel.

Suggestion that the Village request two trolleys

Fund Raising:

Asking for donations (\$1.00) from visitors (as many as 10,000 visitors maybe attending)

Questions arose regarding monies that were promised from New York State and have not surfaced.

Hold a raffle.

B. Budney of the Town of Philipstown Council discussed \$4,500 included in the 2009 town budget for this event.

Equipment for event:

Generators for dockside property (Fire Company has had this equipment donated in the past), portable toilets.

Walter Garaschagan asked about the idea of a floating docks and inquired about the length, location and timing. Roger Chirico mentioned logistical problems with use of the Main Dock due to water depth and current.

Miscellaneous

Questions arose with regards to the use of Mayor's Park for July 4th and it was mentioned that D. Cooke scheduled an Antique Fair on Sunday, July 5th at that site.

Tom Rolston inquired about possible use of the Dockside property for floating docks.

Trustee Campbell favored the idea of spreading out the activities as it would be better for the merchants.

Provisions for a rain date with July 5th suggested. D. Cooke will be holding the Antiques Fair at Mayor's Park but the site could be used after 5-6 p.m.

Tom Rolston objected to outside food vendors and preferred residents.

Coordination with other Chambers of Commerce

Possibility of obtaining truck from Billy Brooks

Obtain liability insurance for event

Committee Volunteers:

Parking Committee- John Dunn, Michael Armstrong and Tom Rolston

Docks- Stephen Merando, Roger Chirico, and Walter Garschagen

Procure Generator -Christopher Tobin also anything with the Fire Company including parade, liquor, refrigeration truck.

Fund Raising Committee: Nat Prentice, Leonora Burton, Betty Budney, Charles Hustis

Budget Resolution #2009-14

Introduced by Trustee Miller

Seconded by Trustee Campbell

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring hereby resolves to make the following Budget Adjustments for the 2008/2009 fiscal year:

To:	G00-8130-430	Electricity	\$15,000
From:	G00-8130-461	Engineer Contractual	\$8,000
From:	G00-8130-411	Sludge Management	\$7,000
To:	F00-8330-430	Electricity	\$5,000
From:	F00-8311-400	Building & Grounds	\$5,000

The accountant is hereby authorized to transfer such funds immediately.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Ralph Falloon: absent

Trustee Bruce Campbell: Yes

Trustee Lynn Miller: Yes

Trustee Gordon Robertson: Absent

Mayor Seth Gallagher: Yes

Gail Hannah wrote on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration to request assistance with replacement of the rusted enclosure surrounding the pump station control panel on Market Street. Their Architect has offered to supply the design and asked the village to supply materials and construction. Board members will investigate and see what assistance can be provided.

Michelle Hanna requested a one month vendor's permit to sell flowers on Route 9D. Trustee Campbell motioned to approve and seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved.

S. Pidala, owner of property on 7 Bank Street requested a reduction in his water/sewer assessment. With ongoing construction, the property is unoccupied and is currently assessed at two units. Request was tabled and will be considered at the monthly board meeting.

Robert Millis, owner of property at 290-292 Main Street requested a reassessment in his water assessment which is currently set at 9 units. G. Phillips, Water Superintendent performed an inventory of the building. Request tabled and G. Phillips will be asked to attend the monthly meeting to discuss.

Applications for members of the planning board, Building Inspector and summer help were distributed to board members.

Village employees requested a meeting on 4/15/09 with the entire board to discuss the employee benefit package.

Tri-party Security and Custodial Agreements with Manufacturers and Traders Trust, a Certificate of Authorized Persons, and resolutions establishing signers for all village accounts were reviewed, accepted and signed. Trustee Miller moved to accept and Trustee Campbell seconded and unanimously approved.

A map was received from Central Hudson depicting the existing lines on Main Street. Bruce Campbell will make copies of same.

A lighter weight shirt was proposed for the summer police uniform. Associated costs will be paid out of the uniform allowance. Trustee Campbell moved to approve and seconded by Trustee Miller who added that she would approve as long as this expense was in the existing budget.

The payout for accumulated time for Scott Ford, former member of the Highway Department was considered. Mayor Gallagher had questions regarding the employee contract related to accumulation during absence and wanted to address this issue with Stephen Gaba. The approval of the payout will be addressed at a future meeting.

Robert Lemon requested a meeting with the Village Board to discuss employment matters. The Village Clerk was instructed to arrange such meeting in executive session on April 14th at 9 p.m.

Bill Approval:

Mayor Gallagher proposed appointing Lynn Miller and Bruce Campbell to the auditing committee. Trustee Robertson is away and if interested can become involved. Trustee Campbell motioned to approve the appointments to the auditing committee and seconded by Trustee Miller and all members voted in favor. Budget approval procedures were approved. The bills with check numbers 16833 to 16876 were audited and approved for payment.

John Dunn, resident of Fish Street, discussed issues at the waterfront and existing zoning and building violations and recommended that the board think about methods to deal with this.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk