

**Board of Trustee Special Meeting
May 4, 2009**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a special meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Seth Gallagher Trustees: Lynn Miller, Bruce Campbell, Gordon Robertson and Ralph Falloon

Also: Pamela Tames, Remedial Project Manager for the Environmental Protection Agency and Lora Smith, Risk Assessor for the EPA

Residents of Constitution Drive

Mayor Seth Gallagher opened the meeting and stated that this was an opportunity for residents to ask questions and to update the Village Board and for the board to become part of the loop and assist the residents in any way they can.

Meeting was then turned over to Pamela Tames who reviewed the history of the site. In 1950's the field was the site of a battery factory. In 1983 was placed on national priorities list. P. Tames has had this site since 1989 and there have been three Records of Decision. Homes around property were contaminated with cadmium and excavated front and back yards on Constitution Drive and found small plume of chemical that emanated from a solvent shed. In 1988, there was a small plume and the EPA would monitor every year to make sure the levels were coming down. Ever since, levels of contaminants stayed the same and the EPA has asked responsible parties to treat the plume. The ground water is 26 feet down and moves toward the marsh. Responsible parties installed injection wells and injected a hydrogen reducing compound that would provide bacteria to help breakdown the contamination. Have checked the wells and did second injection round and came to the conclusion that this is not working. The hydrogen reducing compound works best under anaerobic conditions and rainwater may introduce oxygen back in. Whatever it was, it did not work. EPA has decided that all sites with volatile organic compounds were to have their sub-slabs evaluated. They are investigating all over the county. The biggest site is near Binghamton. Ms. Tames sent letters to residents, 10 people on this side of Constitution Drive and put in sampling ports and pulled out samples for analysis. The results showed that most came back as non-detect. Two houses came back with elevated levels.

Five different contaminants were looked at and all were below a level where they would be forced to do an action. The next step will put in a well for better idea where plume is and additional testing of aquifer.

Residents and board members had a series of questions including: if they had a choice about the installation of wells, concerns about damage to their homes, effect on property values, sources of contamination, why certain houses were selected for testing, whether there would be an effect on drinking water, health concerns, flexibility in placement of wells, possible remedies, other factors that could affect testing, when investigation will be finished, if the contamination could return after mitigation, and if construction would affect the levels. Questions were answered by P. Tames and L. Smith.

The plan of attack is to find another way to remediate the plume. A report is expected in the fall and will be reviewed by the EPA. It will go out to the public after approval and

may be ready by the end of the calendar year. P. Tames was thanked for coming. The board expressed concern for the residents and Mayor Gallagher asked to be copied on all reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk