

Board of Trustee Workshop
July 7, 2009

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 immediately after the close of the public hearing on sewer rate increases. All board members attending the public hearing attended the workshop.

Mayor Gallagher read a letter of thanks from D. Cooke, President of the Cold Spring Antique Dealers Association for support of the July 5th Cold Spring River Festival.

Mayor Gallagher described a problem encountered by D. McGrath of Benedict Road with a tree that has been undermined by storm water. Runoff from the south end of Marion Avenue and Benedict Drive, flows into driveways and garages. During a recent storm, water from the roadway went into a neighbor's driveway and flowed to Mr. McGrath's backyard where it undermined a tree. The tree requires removal and the mayor asked trustees to look at this situation and discuss our responsibility.

J. Barbaro, Chairman of the Village Planning Board referred P. Henderson of 11 Marion Avenue to the Village Board to find a solution to storm water problems on his property. Mayor Gallagher suggested that the board consider having an engineer assess this situation. The mayor recently met with an engineer who can assist the village in obtaining grant funds, as part of his services. Trustee Robertson stated that P. Henderson was asking for buildup of the berm in front of his property.

Mayor Gallagher read correspondence from M. Pfeffer and C. Boyle who objected to the plan presented by C. Serroukas to expand the Foodtown and to install a 27 vehicle parking lot on Marion Avenue.

S. Galef invited the board to attend a Shared Services Task Force meeting on July 23rd in Croton. Trustee Campbell offered to attend and mentioned that many good ideas have been presented at similar meetings. There was general discussion about opportunities for shared services within the village including: highway equipment and personnel with Philipstown and police protection through the Putnam County Sheriff.

Putnam County Legislature announced that the future of the County Home Health Agency will be reviewed at a meeting on July 14th at 6:30 pm.

Rosemary Rodino, Director of the Community Nursery School expressed her objection to a proposal to close parking on the north side of Academy Street. She stated that there is no problem with parking but a concern about teenagers speeding on Academy Street. Mayor Gallagher will discuss with OIC Kane.

M. Bowman, President of the Cold Spring Fire Company #1 asked the board to consider renewal of a lease between the fire company and the village for use of the building on 154 Main Street. The previous lease expired on 12-31-2000. Copies of the proposed lease will be forwarded to the Village Attorney for review. Trustee Falloon brought up the matter of payment for a recent service call to repair a broken garage door at the firehouse. The invoice amount is \$375.00. Mayor Gallagher recommended charging this expense to fire department building repairs.

Trustee Robertson provided an update on the activities of the Cold Spring Boat Club. Since the beginning of June, 206 boats have come through, 743 visitors, 496 that purchased lunch, 178 who purchased dinner and 520 who made other purchases in the village. He added that these numbers are low as not all visitors are recorded.

Mayor Gallagher commented that Community Day was a great effort and a fun day.

Andy Chmar, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Land Trust asked the board to authorize the mayor to send a letter of support for an application to the Hudson River Greenway for a Quadricentennial celebration project to improve the lighting at the waterfront. In the past, the village has agreed to partner with the Land Trust by offering assistance with installation. Mr. Chmar suggested that the dedication of the new lighting be held after the Halloween parade. The board had no objection. Trustee Robertson asked to have a copy of the letter for the Recreation Commission. Trustee Falloon asked about the vandalism resistance of the proposed lighting and was assured that the lights were basically indestructible.

J. Teagle of 31-33 Fair Street informed the board of his interest in pursuing the purchase of village property adjacent to his property. He initiated this purchase several years ago and now wants to revisit.

T. Rolston congratulated the board on Community Day and concluded that the village does not have a parking problem but a convenience problem. He believes that the village is missing an opportunity in revenues on parking.

Trustee Robertson wanted to take a fresh look at the issue provided that the mayor would have an open mind. Mayor Gallagher offered that his initial reaction is negative as it changes the character of the village but he is willing to hear an argument. T. Rolston called for scheduling discussion in the middle of August on this matter and also on the issue of parking related zoning changes.

With no other matters before the board, Trustee Robertson moved to enter into executive session to discuss the status of police contract negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk