

## **Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting**

August 25, 2009

**Members Present:** Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustee Bruce Campbell, Trustee Ralph Falloon & Trustee Lynn Miller & Trustee Gordon Robertson

### **1. James Copeland, Architect (Hudson Design):**

James Copeland presented conceptual plans for the proposed Cold Spring Firehouse, to be located on a section of the old Butterfield Hospital site. The cost has not been determined. Mr. Copeland proposed a feasibility study that will facilitate fund raising, indicate space planning requirements, site circulation impacts and allow for estimating costs of construction. If Hudson Design is not used for the project, a transfer of copyright for the design will have to be obtained. A public comment period followed the presentation and there was concern over the size of the building, cost and the possibility of joining with other Philipstown fire companies.

Trustee R. Falloon responded to the public concern and commented that the Village is required to have a firehouse. He discussed merging with the other fire companies. The current building is in need of a lot of repair. One goal is to apply for a grant through Homeland Security, which requires a shovel ready project, and runs June through July for fire companies. Mayor Gallagher closed the firehouse discussion portion of the meeting and thanked Mr. Copeland for coming.

### **2. Justice Court Fee Proposal:**

Board members discussed fees for traffic and parking tickets. Trustee G. Robertson suggested tabling this issue until the Judge can present additional facts. A workshop date will be set to have the Judge come in.

### **3. Andy Chmar, Hudson Highland Land Trust**

Mr. Chmar presented the board with information on bollard lights for the riverfront. Currently there is \$54,500 to pay for the bollards that are either pledged or in hand. The bollards are 5 3/16 inches in diameter and a demonstration was provided to the board last year. Twenty-five lights would be placed at the waterfront area and three on north and south sides of the dock. Mr. Chmar asked for formation of a committee to start the process. Mayor Gallagher asked the board if they were in agreement with the lighting project. Trustee G. Robertson suggested that the project should go before the Historic District Review Board and to make sure engineering requirements are met. The Board was unanimously in agreement with this project.

#### **4. Budget resolution:**

To: A00-7140-471 Recreation Electricity –Dockside \$400.00  
From: A00-1910-400 Unallocated Insurance \$400.00

To: A00-8540-410 Storm Drain Supplies \$100.00  
From: A00-1910-400 Unallocated Insurance \$100.00

Trustee G. Robertson moved to authorize transfer of such funds immediately and Trustee L. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee R. Falloon Yes  
Trustee G. Robertson Yes  
Trustee L. Miller Yes  
Trustee B. Campbell Yes  
Mayor Gallagher Yes

#### **5. Special Board Membership:**

R. Falloon moved to reduce the members of the Special Board from 11 members to 9 members by amending Resolution 30-08. Trustee L. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee L. Miller Yes  
Trustee B. Campbell Yes  
Trustee R. Falloon Yes  
Trustee G. Robertson Yes  
Mayor Gallagher Yes

#### **6. Correspondence:**

- Letter of thanks from Senior Citizen for the picnic
- Letter from the Board of Elections in response to a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees regarding consolidation of polling districts.
- Request from owners of 144 Main St. for drainage easement and purchase of village stoop.
- Workshops coming up energy saving workshop, waste water management
- FEMA requested updated contact information in preparation for the issuance of the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map.
- NYSERDA – regarding energy use, programs and contact person
- Communication from the Putnam County Clerk protesting new motor vehicle fees.
- Letter from Sue Peehl regarding heavy trucks using local road to get to gas stations etc. The concern is damage to trees and vibrations from trucks destroying homes. She is requesting increased restrictions on heavy trucks on Fair Street. At this time, Trustee Robertson left the meeting.
- Full report on tourism and community sustainability by R. Schuster of SUNY is complete and available for review.
- E. Mageean will review updated information from Penflex regarding retroactive lump sum payments.

### **7. Health Insurance Coverage:**

Offering health insurance to board members was proposed with insurance being prorated and offered to the entire board.

K.Phillips, resident of New Street, discussed the issue of the Board members receiving Health Insurance benefits and expressed her feelings.

### **8. Dog Clean up and Composting:**

Trustee L. Miller reminded pet owners of their responsibility to abide by laws and ordinances. (As per attached.)

Dogs are required to be leashed and under control whenever out of their home.

Dog walkers are required to clean up dog waste and dispose of properly.

Dog urine is acidic and damages vegetation. Owners should not allow their dog to urinate on a neighbor's property.

It would cost less than \$1000 to install composters in several locations throughout the village

There would be a yearly fee to cover biodegradable bags and septic starter.

Trustee L. Miller suggested developing a sign structure.

### **9. Firehouse Floor Project Proposal:**

A proposal from Chirico Masonry, LLC was received for the concrete floor at the Cold Spring Firehouse as per attached.

### **10. Parking:**

Joe Frisenda - discussed parking on Stone St. and suggested residential parking permits or having police patrol the area. Mayor Gallagher suggested sending a letter to Senator Leibell and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef.

### **11. Public Comment:**

There was a discussion regarding the plume from the Marathon Battery site.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Valentino