

Board of Trustee Meeting February 15, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a public informational meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Saint Mary's Church meeting room, One Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY. The purpose of this meeting was to present the Comprehensive Plan to the public prior to the public hearing scheduled for March 1st.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustees Bruce Campbell, John Ralph Falloon, Charles Hustis and Airinhos Serradas
Also: Stephen Gaba, Village Attorney, Michele Greig of GreenPlan and Special Board members Michael Armstrong, Anne Impellizzeri, Marie Early and Catharine Square Members of the Public as per attached sheet

Mayor Gallagher opened the meeting and announced that the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on March 1st. He then proceeded with a power point presentation describing the Comprehensive Plan and the process. The meeting was then opened for comments.

Mark Patinella resident of Chestnut Street and Commodore for the Cold Spring Boat Club commented that the plan calls for consolidation, a community center and an area for Cold Spring events. He suggested creating a multi-use building on the Dockside property, similar to Plum Point in New Windsor. This space could be rented for events and generate revenue. He would like to see the Dockside property service residents and believes that creating such a facility would meet several recommendations put forth in the draft plan. He encouraged the board to review the Plum Point website. The board asked him to follow up with written comments.

Mike Turton asked if a beer and wine concession was possible at Dockside.

David Divico resident of Chestnut Street and member of the Cold Spring Boat Club expressed confusion over recommendation 2.2.3 pertaining to rethinking the uses of the entire property from the river to Market Street. Mayor felt that this recommendation was not as clear as it needs to be. Mr. Divico mentioned the Boat Club lease with the village and the property improvements funded by the membership. Mayor Gallagher and Michael Armstrong spoke about the importance and contribution of the boat club to the community and the need to recognize this contribution, respect the boat club and to work with the members.

Gordon Robertson, resident and member of the Cold Spring Boat Club, called for forming a committee to work with the village and to come up with some language on items that the Mayor and Mr. Armstrong discussed. He expressed concern that members of the Special Board worked hard to perfect the language in the plan and then alterations were made in a short period of time by the Village Board. He would like to be able to determine what changes were made and asked for a red line version of the plan on the village website. Also, Mr. Robertson commented that revisions were made and members of the audience were asked to make revisions when he thought that this should have gone

back to the Special Board or subcommittees or one of the other village boards where you have professionals in their area of research but they weren't being asked.

Charles Merando resident and member of the Boat Club read the **attached** statement regarding Recommendations 2.2.1 and 2.2.4 through 2.2.9 regarding the history of the boat club and their contribution to the community.

Gordon Robertson inquired if any public comments were submitted after the close of the Special Board public hearing. M. Armstrong responded that the overwhelming intention in accepting comments was to hear from the public. M. Early added that letters were addressed to the Village Board and were forwarded to the Special Board.

Jan Thacher village resident expressed his dissatisfaction with the procedures of the Special Board regarding receipt of public comment. There was back and forth discussion between the Mayor and Mr. Thacher on this issue.

Peter Henderson, resident of Marion Avenue, pointed out that the draft plan, presented by the Special Board to the Village Board, had only marginal support from the Special Board and passed by a 5-4 vote. He has advocated for an effort toward broader consensus and asked the board to point out specific improvements that might add to consensus.

Catharine Square spoke about a letter she sent to the Village Board expressing her objections to the draft plan.

Board members stressed the opportunities for comment and encouraged attendance at the public hearing or written submissions to the village board.

Gordon Robertson asked the board if this plan could have been a better document if it was referred back to Comprehensive Board or Special Committees. In response, Attorney Gaba clarified procedures for adopting a Comprehensive Plan.

2. Resolution accepting lease agreement

Attorney Gaba reviewed the lease agreement and proposed resolution for purchase of a highway department vehicle. Adoption of a formal resolution is required. Trustee Serradas moved to adopt the **attached** resolution and seconded by Trustee Falloon and unanimously approved.

3. **Bill Approval** - Trustee Falloon moved to approve payment to First Niagara for the first payment on the vehicle lease in the amount of \$15,427 and seconded by Trustee Serradas and unanimously approved.

4. **Closed Session** - Trustee Serradas moved to enter into closed session to confer with counsel and seconded by Trustee Falloon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk