

Board of Trustees Workshop

July 19, 2011

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustees: Bruce Campbell, J. Ralph Falloon, Charles Hustis, III, and Airinhos Serradas.

The first topic on the agenda was the new pilot study to treat the underground plume on the Marathon Battery site which is located on Kemble Avenue and the Boulevard. Pamela Tames of the Environmental Protection Agency along with Michael Sivak, Toxicologist, and Lora Smith were here to provide information on this study and to answer any questions. The site backs up to Constitution Drive. All residents of Constitution Drive were invited via email and US Postal letter to attend this meeting.

Residents of Constitution Drive attending the meeting were Mike and Cheryl Allen, Jeannie DePaolis, Bob and Doreen Ferris, Caryn Cannova, Frances Bedford, Jerri and Jeff Butler, Tom Valentine, Elliott Hammond, Susan Wallach and Charles Day, Gerald and Margaret Ligay, Peggy and Joey Carano, Judy Ferrell and Ken Kearney and his son, Sean Kearney, owners of the Marathon Battery Property.

Also in attendance were Rose and Joe Immorlica, Pargie Sgro, Mike Armstrong, Liz Gorecki, Jane D'Emic, James Hartford, Catharine Square, Richard Weissbrod, John Landolfi, Mike Bowman, and Chris Tobin.

Ms. Tames explained what was done in the past and what will be done in the future. The plan to remove the plume is to bring in equipment that will literally vacuum out the plumb as detailed in the report of January 2011. This equipment is an air sparge and soil vapor extraction system to remove the volatile organic compound (VOCs). This equipment has been review by the EPA and they agree that this system should be piloted. The plans are not completed as yet therefore there is no time frame available for the public. There is no threat to the public because the water used by the residents is from the reservoir, not the ground water. Also, no groundwater wells are permitted to be drilled on this site at this time.

Tree Removal and Trimming

Lew Kingsley did an assessment of trees on 50 and 38 Parrott Street. There are two Norway Maples in front of 50 Parrott Street. The limb overhanging the driveway can be removed without damage to the tree. However, the Norway Maple to the east has a large cavity 14-15 feet up in the crown. Further follow-up will determine what needs to be done with this tree. In addition to Mr. Kingsley assessment, the following trees need attention:

- 1) The Norway Maple at 38 Parrott Street is diseased and full of carpenter ants. This needs to be removed.
- 2) The tree at 33 Pine Street, north side of Parrott Street has considerable dieback of the crown in the past. This tree should be removed.
- 3) Tree at 5 Cherry Street is split and requires one leader over driveway to be removed and one branch be removed on opposite leader, leaning on phone line.
- 4) Dead tree at 14 Main Street to be removed. Second dead tree in front of Hudson House rear patio also needs to be removed.

- 5) Dead tree in Back Brook behind 30 Garden Street needs to be removed.
- 6) 19 Garden Street has tree with branches over phone lines and was damaged by trucks that need to be trimmed.
- 7) Tree on Cross Street has a dead branch that requires trimming.

Trustee Serradas read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Iaconangelo residing at 207 Main Street and the west corner of Academy Street. The tree on the east side of Academy and Main Streets has roots growing on top of the ground causing the sidewalk to heave. Children from school walk on this sidewalk and this poses a safety issue for these children and anyone else walking on this sidewalk. Mr. Kingsley will be asked for an assessment of this tree.

Upcoming sidewalk projects to be replaced or installed by a private contractor are as follows:

- 1) **Mountain Avenue** - north side in front of the homes #6 - #10, and from #18 - #20 and on the south side of Mountain Avenue from #5 at B Street corner to #9; and
- 2) **Locust Ridge** - east side from #4 north to new sidewalk and west side from #7 - #15 at tree where the sidewalk is lifted.

The following sidewalks are to be replaced or repaired by the Village Highway Department:

- 1) **Market Street** - approximately 100 feet south from Main Street where the sidewalk is lifted by the tree;
- 2) **18 Fair Street** - replace driveway area;
- 3) **Pine Street** North side – replace approximately 40' section from corner of Parsonage going westward;
- 4) **West Street** - install sidewalk across driveway at 32 West Street;
- 5) **28 Garden Street** - repair sidewalk damaged from tree (previously removed);
- 6) **Cross Street** - repair sidewalk damaged from existing tree at 32 West Street; and
- 7) **Railroad Avenue** – repair small section near corner of Stone Street.

Roger Chirico quoted the same price to do the larger repair projects this year that that he gave the Village last year for work he did. Trustee Serradas thought that the Village Highway Department should do the work. Mayor Gallagher explained that the men of the Highway Department already have enough to do and if the larger sidewalk projects were added to their list, it would take twice as long to complete them. The quote from Roger Chirico is acceptable.

A letter was received by the Board from Robert Flaherty requesting a vending permit for the sale of hot dogs from his vending cart for both the foot of Main Street, east side of the tracks, and the west side of Main Street by the entrance/exit of the subway between Pidala's residence and the Dance Studio. This request is in reference to the Haldane Volleyball Association's fundraisers for the following dates: Sundays, July 24th and 31st and August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. These dates are dependent on volunteer availability.

Trustee Serradas made a motion to grant Mr. Flaherty's request for a vending permit for both locations, lower Main Street on both the east and west side of the tracks, seconded by Trustee Hustis. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chris Tobin requested information regarding the fireworks display on Labor Day weekend, September 3rd with a rain date of September 4th. Mayor Gallagher said that the same organizations will follow the

original plans as was scheduled for the July 4th weekend that was rained out. He suggested that Mr. Tobin get a permit for the firehouse to sell beer for both days, this way if it gets rained out on the 3rd, they are covered to proceed on the 4th.

Trustee Serradas attempted to read a letter from Attorney, William Florence, representing the fire company but was stopped by Mayor Gallagher stating that all correspondence regarding the fire company has been taken under closed session for the Board. There were negative comments regarding the fact that the public has not been informed about what is going on with the fire company from members of the fire company and Board members but Mayor Gallagher's statement stood. The letter was not read.

Residents from Constitution Drive stated that there was excessive speeding on their street and they wanted something done to curb the speeding. Mayor Gallagher told them to get a copy of the report from Ron Gainer that was done for Church Street with the same problems. The report can be picked up from the Village Clerk during regular business hours.

John Landolfi thanked the Board for putting up the speed limit sign at the beginning of Paulding Avenue and Bank Street. Also, there was an officer parked in the area checking speeders. However, most of the speeding problems occur on Saturdays during the Farmers Market. Mayor Gallagher said he would speak to the Officer-in-Charge to get more patrolling on Saturdays.

Trustee Campbell moved to confer (in closed session) with counsel and seconded by Mayor Seth Gallagher. Trustee Campbell and Mayor Gallagher voted in favor; Trustees Hustis and Falloon were opposed; Trustee Serradas didn't vote yes and did not abstain. ("The vote of any member not signifying "no", and not abstaining, will be considered to be an "aye" vote and recorded in the minutes as such".)

The Board went into Executive session with the attorney regarding the employee handbook.

On the return of the Board, the workshop meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon