

**Village of Cold Spring**  
**Board of Trustees Workshop**

**August 6, 2013**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 beginning at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Deputy Mayor and Trustee Bruce Campbell, Trustees Charles Hustis, III, Matthew Francisco and Stephanie Hawkins. Mayor J. Ralph Falloon was absent.

Warren S. Replansky, Special Counsel to the Village of Cold Spring for certain zoning and planning matters, submitted his review and comments regarding the zoning change of Village Code §134-2(B)-“Definitions”.

Trustee Hawkins will request his presence at a Board workshop at his convenience allowing the Board to get further explanations of his work. Also, the Board would like him to offer up a red-lined copy of the local law for review.

A **docking application** was received from the Clearwater for docking on Saturday, 10/12 in the afternoon to Sunday, 10/13 leaving in the evening. Trustee Francisco made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Trustee Hustis. It was approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

**Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring a Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 am.

**Drake Loeb Heller Kennedy Gogerty Gaba & Rodd, PLC** wrote to update the Village on the status of the Environmental Easement on the former Cold Spring Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) property between the Village and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

In order to finalize the Environmental Easement, the Village needs to obtain an Owner’s Policy of Title Insurance. The DEC requires that certain notes be included in the final policy, including recording information about the Environmental Easement and the affidavit of mailing. Our office can obtain the required title policy through Westcor Land Title Insurance Company for a premium of \$342. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to secure the Title Insurance through Westcor Land Title Insurance Company seconded by Trustee Hustis. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Assembly State of New York Albany, from **Sandy Galef** wrote “I am providing you with a list of legislation that I have introduced addressing mandate and tax relief for counties, municipalities and school districts as a general notice, and in response to the **Stop Albany Campaign**. You should find Assembly Bill 5459 to be especially important as it places restrictions on the State from imposing certain unfunded mandates on local governments”.

“I would appreciate an official resolution from each of you supporting my legislation as it will bring these important issues to the forefront”.

**Terry Gipson**, New York State Senator, 41<sup>st</sup> District wrote “As you are aware, during the 2013 legislative session, I introduced a bill to establish a constitutional ban on new unfunded mandates (S5126). I would like to convey my personal request for formal support from your governing body, in the form of a resolution calling upon the state to past this bill”.

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to support both Sandy Galef’s and Terry Gipson’s request with a second from Trustee Hustis. The motion was passed unanimously. A resolution will be prepared and presented to the Village Board for the formal approval.

**Public Comment:**

Doug Cunningham, editor and associate publisher of the Putnam County News and Recorder presented a statement to the Village Board addressing three points:

- 1) Trustee and Deputy Mayor Campbell had been unfairly maligned regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration for the Village....
- 2) We were grievously disappointed by the Village’s actions last week in failing to prepare and disseminate a publicly available agenda that listed the many items you planned to discuss....
- 3) All publications, around the nation and even around Philipstown decide their own policies regarding editorial and advertising matters. I decide on those matters of editorial and advertising policy for the *PCN&R* – not the trustees and not the Village.....

A motion was made by Trustee Hawkins to exit the public meeting and enter into executive session for interviews for the hiring of a Planner and Consultant firm and for an attorney for the Village. Trustee Hustis seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra L. Falloon