

## Village of Cold Spring

### Board of Trustees Workshop

March 25, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor J. Ralph Falloon, Trustees Bruce Campbell, Charles Hustis III, Matt Francisco and Stephanie Hawkins and Village Attorney, Michael Liguori.

Also in attendance were Planning Board members Barney Molloy, Anne Impellizzeri, and James Pergamo, Butterfield property owner Paul Guillaro, Anna Georgiou, land use attorney and special counsel to the Planning and Village boards, and Mr. Guillaro's attorney Steve Barshov and HDRB member Kathleen Foley.

The Planning Board members, **Butterfield property** owner Paul Guillaro's team and the Village Board went over the requests of the Planning Board to give the B4A Zoning Code more flexibility.

A public hearing was suggested for April 22, 2014. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed B4A Zoning Code on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Francisco. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote from the Board.

Steven and Katherine Marino sent a proposal for the purchase of "**The Grove**" (Loretto Rest) with several stipulations. Among them were a question of an underground oil tank and the possibility of contamination and the issuance of a tax abatement from the Village, school and County.

The Village Clerk will send a letter to companies that clean up soil for an estimate of cost to search out the location of an oil tank and test the ground around it for contamination. Mr. Marino will check with the school and county regarding the tax benefit. The Village has no problem issuing him a tax abatement. They would have to adopt a local law to permit the exemption.

Kathleen Foley commented that if the Village adopted such law, it would be beneficial to all Village residents to make repairs and improvements to their "historical" buildings in the area and would also make life easier for the HDRB.

**Litigation** has been filed against the Village from a police officer regarding scheduling of work hours. It was decided to turn the matter over to their labor attorney, Judith Mayle.

The Mayor and Board members discussed the request of a resident on **West Street** for the Village to bear some financial responsibility for the spring water that is piped under their residence which is backing up into their parking lot through a **storm water drain**. After careful investigation, the Village feels no financial responsibility for the problem. A letter will be sent to the homeowners explaining their decision.

Mayor Falloon read the submitted **Putnam County Real Property Tax Service Contract**.

1. The County shall prepare the Village tax rolls and bills for the Calendar year of 2014
2. The Village shall provide to the county a copy of the 2014 Village budget and unpaid water and sewer list by May 1<sup>st</sup>....

Trustee Hustis made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Contract with Putnam County Real Property Tax Service, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Hawkins presented A **Memorandum of Understanding for the Cold Spring Film Society** with the Village of Cold Spring. The Film Society has tentatively proposed six (6) screening dates of June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, and September 6 to be held at Dockside Park.

Trustee Hustis made a motion to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding as read, seconded by Trustee Campbell.

The vote on the Memorandum of Understanding for the Cold Spring Film Society to hold its screenings at Dockside Park is as follows:

Charles Hustis III, Trustee, voting YES  
Matt Francisco, Trustee, voting YES  
Bruce D. Campbell, Trustee, voting YES  
Stephanie Hawkins, Trustee, voting YES  
J. Ralph Falloon, Mayor, voting YES

The Memorandum of Understanding was approved with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

#### **Village of Cold Spring Resolution # 11-2014**

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring desires to increase the Tree Committee by one (1) additional member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Tree Committee is hereby increased by one (1) additional member;
2. Based on a review of the criteria set forth in Part II of the Short Form EAF, it is hereby determined that the proposed action will not have the potential for a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The vote on the foregoing resolution is as follows:

Charles Hustis III, Trustee, voting YES  
Matt Francisco, Trustee, voting YES  
Bruce D. Campbell, Trustee, voting YES  
Stephanie Hawkins, Trustee, voting YES  
J. Ralph Falloon, Mayor, voting YES

Resolution # 11-2014 is officially adopted on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 by a vote of 5 – 0.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees at a public meeting held on March 25, 2014.

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Mary Saari, Village Clerk  
Dated March 25, 2014

A press release for public input on the **Village tree management plan** is proposed for April 14, 2014. A final date will be determined for the meeting at the monthly Board meeting scheduled for April 8, 2014.

Trustee Campbell made a motion to approve payment of the **audited bills** brought before the Board. Trustee Hustis seconded the motion and the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comment:**

Douglas Cunningham, Editor in Chief of the PCN&R, read a statement regarding accusations about the conduct of the PCN&R, its owner and its staff made by Trustees Francisco and Hawkins on social media on March 12.

Airinhos Serradas suggested that the Board meet with the people who set up the scheduling regarding the litigation of a police officer against the Village instead of using tax payer dollars for court expenses.

The Mayor said that both the Village attorney and a representative of the PBA stated that there are no grounds for this litigation. The problem has to do with the existing contract and the fact that the language is not clear and concise. The Village is in negotiations with the police department at this time to use the proper language to eliminate the possibility of this happening in the future.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully

Sandra L. Falloon