

Village of Cold Spring

Board of Trustees Workshop

May 26, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Michael Bowman, Cathryn Fadde, Marie Early and Interim Village Attorney, William Florence. Trustee Frances Murphy was absent. Also in attendance were Greg Phillips, Superintendent of Water and Sewer, and Bart Clark, P.E. of Oakwood Environmental Associates.

Mayor Merandy invited members from the Town Board to join this workshop with a presentation from Benjamin Snyder, Vice President of the Laberge Group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying and Planning Firm. Supervisor Richard Shea and Board Member Robert Flaherty joined the meeting.

The Village Board, the Town Board members and Greg Phillips discussed with Mr. Snyder what was likely to be accepted and processed for grant funding. Some of the projects asked about were the Town Hall, The Cold Spring Fire House, the Dams, Catskill Aqueduct Connection, Market Street and Fair Street Sewer Renovations, possibility of consolidation of sewer system of the Village of Cold Spring with Nelsonville, updated water meters installations, Public Restrooms at the Riverfront, metered electric line to the end of the dock for the incoming vessels, multi-level parking garage at the east side of the railroad tracks just below Forge Gate connecting with Lunn Terrace, Big Belly Compactors with the coming of the construction of the Fjord Trail. These are some of the necessary updates needed in the Village.

Mayor Merandy requested a motion from the Board to appoint Charles Hustis III to the Independence Day Committee. Trustee Bowman made a motion to appoint Mr. Hustis to the Independence Day Committee with a second from Trustee Fadde. With a unanimous vote, the appointment was approved.

The following applications were received from the Recreation Commission seeking the Board's approval for each:

1. **Mike Lyons of North Highlands Engine Company #1** - all Fridays in the months of May, June, July and August for softball Games at Mayors Park. (Approximately 40 people.)
2. From **Daniel A Miller, President, Philipstown Hawks** – practice every weeknight at 6 PM starting August 17 at Mayor's Park along with the use of the Pavilion for the annual potluck meal on September 11. (Spoke about no practice after October 7th.)
3. **Tom Campanile of the Cub Scout Pack 137** – Annual Family BBQ on Sunday June 7, 2015 from 12:00 to 6:00 PM at Mayors Park Pavilion. (Approximately 100 people.)
4. **Billynda Baker, Pride of the Hudson, 73.5 ft. in length** – Saturday, June 27, 2015 dock time between 5:00 – 6:30 PM and 9:30 – 10:15 PM for pickup and drop-off of passengers; most will be arriving on a specially scheduled train for the opening evening of the Constellation lighting at Bannerman Island.
5. **Carol Powell** – Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 2:00 – 8:00 PM at Mayors Park for a summer party. (Approximately 100 people.)

With a motion from Trustee Early, all of the above applications were approved pending proper documentation, Insurance Certificates, with a second from Trustee Fadde. Upon Board vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

An application for **filming in the Village** on Monday, June 1, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM was received from Allen Beals, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health for Putnam County. The film addresses issues concerning refined sugar, candy and has implications concerning obesity and Public Health. There would be approximately 25 people in the group. The name of the group is Secret Toy Surprise Productions filming by local artist. Their Insurance Certificate has been included.

The Board noted that if they feel the need for police patrols, appropriate fees will be added. At this time, the vote will be reverted back to the Recreation Commission both for their approval and a fee or the waiving of the fee and their decision will be accepted by the Village Board.

Bob Ferris requested the Board's consideration of installing a **Medication Take Back Box** in the Police Department's office. This box is 54 inches high and weighs 120 pounds. It must be bolted in place in a secured location. The Police Department has cameras that can be directed on the box to keep it under constant surveillance. The medications would be picked up and taken to be destroyed. The Village could determine when and for what period of time people could drop off their old medications.

Mayor Merandy suggested that he speak with the PBA and the Building Inspector for their insights.

The **Minutes of May 1, 2015** were presented to the Board for approval. Trustee Early noted that the sentence stating "Rich Franco, resident of *Whitehill Place*" should be corrected to read Hamilton Street. Also, in the last paragraph, before the start of the Resolution No. 20-2015, it was noted that the Cold Spring Boat Club 55, Inc. was changed to Cold Spring Boat Club, Inc. Therefore, in the third (3rd) "WHEREAS the present occupant of the site is the Cold Spring Boat Club ("Boat Club"), Inc should be added to read Cold Spring Boat Club, Inc. ("Boat Club"). With these corrections, Trustee Bowman made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 1, 2015 as amended seconded by Trustee Fadde. The motion was carried unanimously.

The **Minutes of May 12, 2015** were approved as submitted by a motion from Trustee Early with a second from Trustee Bowman. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

The **Independence Day Parade** Committee has just two members at this time, Bruce Campbell and Charles Hustis III. With that said, Trustees Early and Fadde offered to assist the committee. Mayor Merandy presented the appointment of Trustee Early to the Board for the committee. Trustee Bowman made a motion to appoint Trustee Early seconded by Mayor Merandy. With a vote of 3-0-1, Trustee Early was appointed. Trustee Early abstained for her appointment. Mayor Merandy then presented the appointment of Trustee Fadde to the Board for the committee. Trustee Bowman made a motion to appoint Trustee Fadde seconded by Mayor Merandy. With a vote of 3-0-1, Trustee Fadde was appointed. Trustee Fadde abstained for her appointment. Trustee Bowman offered his assistance but would be unable to attend the festivities.

The Mayor thought that perhaps changing to an earlier start time may be better for the participants avoiding the heat of the day. Last Year's fireworks vendor is not available but Mr. Campbell is looking into getting another vendor. Also porta potties will be required along with additional police coverage basically for traffic control, both added expenses to the Village where there is little room for spending.

Trustee Bowman suggested that instead of paying for additional police coverage, the Village request the presence of the Cold Spring Fire Company's Fire Police who are trained in traffic control.

Trustee Fadde has spoken with Katharine McLaughlin, Legislative Director to Sandy Galef, Assembly Member, regarding the **Home Rule for an extension of the existing residential parking permit**. This would include all side streets from Route 9D to the Dock, with the exception of Fair Street which only entertains parking for all church services. After some discussion regarding the rules for the permits, it was determined that the Code Update Committee should address this.

Mr. Florence stated that the Board needs a resolution for the State Senate Assembly. A Home Rule Resolution will be scheduled for the agenda on June 2, 2015 meeting.

Greg Phillips, Superintendent of Water and Sewer, and Bart Clark, P.E. of Oakwood Environmental Associates spoke about the **height of the electrical components**, located on New Street, to the pump station located on West Street. There has been some residential discussions about it being too high for its location. It has been dropped 8" and if at all possible it would only be a matter of inches not feet for lowering the generator. It is 9 feet long by 3 feet wide and needs a space of 3 feet of clearance around the generator, with a security fence for protection.

Public Comment

Tim Greco asked why the Village is looking for a new vendor for the fireworks for the Fourth of July Celebration when Mr. Ailes had secured Majestic Fireworks for a three year term. (Paperwork error)

Mike Turton asked if the Ethics Board is still alive. (yes)

He also asked if any money would be saved from the budget if the Village did not fill the vacancy in the Police Department but would hire a parking officer instead. And also, is the entire Board the Police Commissioner or just the Mayor? (Mayor)

Trustee Bowman said that the Police Consolidation is still viable.

The County made an error on the **Village tax bills** noting two dates for payments to be due. These bills have been returned to the County for correction and will be mailed to the residences as soon as the Village receives the corrected bills.

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Bowman. The meeting closed with a unanimous vote.

However, Mayor Merandy realized that there was some unfinished business to attend to and requested a motion to re-open the meeting.

Trustee Early made a motion to re-open the meeting and continue with the scheduled business of the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bowman and the meeting of May 26, 2015 was continued.

The audited bills, as presented to the Board, were approved for payment with a motion from Trustee Fadde, seconded by Trustee Bowman. The motion carried unanimously.

Scott Monroe, highway employee, requested two (2) weeks' salary in lieu of his two weeks' vacation time. Trustee Early made a motion to approve Mr. Monroe's request for salary in lieu of vacation time. Trustee Bowman seconded the motion and the request was approved unanimously.

Village Clerk, Mary Saari requested a 30 day payout in lieu of her accumulated vacation time. Trustee Early made a motion to approve Ms. Saari's request which was seconded by Trustee Fadde. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Trustee Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Early. The meeting closed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon