

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop

June 2, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Frances Murphy, Cathryn Fadde and Marie Early and Interim Village Attorney, William Florence. Trustee Michael Bowman was absent.

The Chair of the Planning Board, Donald MacDonald, noted points of their meeting in reference to a parcel owned by Richard Shea at **57 Morris Avenue** by reestablishing a lot line that once divided the parcel into two equal portions thus creating two lots where there was one. As per Village Code, the Planning Board is required to receive the “advice” of the Village Board of Trustees on the subdivision Planning Board’s decisions.

Mayor Merandy said the Planning Board has followed the Village code and there is no reason why it should not go forward.

Applications were received for membership on the **Independence Day Committee** from:

Jill Golden
Phillip Heffernan
Kevin McConville
Frances Pergamo
Donna Durr

A motion was made by Trustee Early appointing all of the above named applicants to the Independence Day Committee. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

Bruce Campbell, Chair of the Independence Day Committee, assured Mayor Merandy that there will be fireworks at the celebration with the PCN&R in agreement to continue their commitment for payment to the vendor. The only piece missing is music for the event. Trustee Fadde said she has spoken with some merchants and they are showing interest in the project.

Jack Goldstein, Chair of the Code Update Committee, has **tendered his resignation** from the Committee. Trustee Early made a motion to accept Mr. Goldstein’s resignation with a second from Mayor Merandy. Upon discussion, Trustee Murphy asked Mr. Goldstein if he would reconsider his resignation. Mr. Goldstein’s reply was “No respectfully” based on a disagreement with Mayor Merandy’s decision to return to the hiring of GreenPlan and removing Barton & Loguidice from the Code Update Committee as consultant. At the end of the discussion, a vote was taken with a 3-0-1-1 with Trustee Fadde abstaining and Trustee Bowman absent.

Barney Molloy, a member of the Code Update Committee also **resigned** his position on the Committee. Trustee Early made a motion to accept Mr. Molloy's resignation seconded by Trustee Murphy. The vote was carried with a 3-0-1-1 with Trustee Fadde abstaining and Trustee Bowman absent.

Trustee Early made a motion to **advertise for membership to the Code Update Committee** to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Molloy. Trustee Murphy seconded Trustee Early's motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Trustee Murphy discussed the **Facebook** page that she and Trustee Bowman are working to open. The goal of the Village is to use it to keep the residents informed on social media with what is going on at the Village government level. However, there will be no response to any comments. If the site gets "misused" in the Board's opinion, the site will be taken down.

Trustee Fadde discussed the **NYS Legislation Home Rule Request** for expanding residential parking permits. Church and Haldane Streets need to be added to the present document and *Kemble Street* has to be changed to *Kemble Avenue* before submission. After a short discussion, Attorney William Florence said that just because it is law, it does not necessarily need to be enforced. It is at the discretion of the Village governmental body.

Trustee Early made a motion to accept the submission of the NYS Legislation Home Rule Request with the additional changes seconded by Trustee Fadde. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The application for a driveway/curb cut for **26 Rock Street** was removed from the agenda as the Building Inspector denied the application.

Correspondence

Code Update Committee Resolution was received by the Board from Code Update Committee Treasurer, Michael Armstrong, for approval. Trustee Early recommended that the beginning parenthetical phrase in #2 be removed "With the matter of the environmental consultants now in question". With a motion from Trustee Early to approve the Resolution as amended, a second from Trustee Murphy, and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Big Truck Day will be held at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library on June 7, 2015 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

A draft letter of support by Mayor Merandy for Property Tax Cap Legislation will be sent to the Board members for their approval, additions and/or deletions.

A request was received from Tina Merando for an extension of payment to the Village of Cold Spring for water charges for her residence at 11 Healy Road, Nelsonville, NY. A motion was made by Trustee Early to approve a payment plan of perhaps \$100 per month, without penalties, until the bill is paid in full. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

An email was received from Brian Young informing the Cold Spring Village that the Cortlandt Yacht Club and the Elks Club, Lodge 1468 will be holding their 4th Annual “Salute to Freedom” celebration, giving back something to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015 both at the Cortlandt Yacht Club and also a flotilla traveling up the Hudson River. The club will welcome honored guests for a day of appreciation and thanks for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. They invite wounded warriors, veterans and their families and Gold Star Families to join for a day of recognition and appreciation. The flotillas will travel up the Hudson, north through the Hudson Highlands, past West Point and as far north as Newburgh passing closely by all the communities and boat clubs along the way.

The **Minutes of May 19, 2015** were presented to the Board for approval. On page 2 after the last sentence of the first paragraph, add the sentence from the fifth paragraph that starts “There will be no signage.....” However, begin the sentence with *The Mayor asked for* no signage over the weekend. In the fifth paragraph, second line “.....Village Streets will be \$500 *for 6 hours* plus \$100 *per hour in* excess of a 6 hour project and also police salaries”.

With the above noted changes, Trustee Early made a motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2015 as amended. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Florence submitted a **Legal Services Contract** By and Between the Village of Cold Spring and William J. Florence, Jr., Esq. for the Mayor’s signature. Mayor Merandy suggested that the contract discussion be tabled and requested a conference with Mr. Florence.

Public Comment

Comments were made by Carolyn Bachan, Mike Armstrong, Frank Haggerty, Donald MacDonald, Ruth Elwell, Ann Impellizieri, and Rich Franco noting their disappointment on the Mayor’s decision to change consultants for the Code Update Committee and what they felt the impact would be on the Committee.

Stephanie Hawkins requested that that Home Rule Bill be posted on the Village website.

Kathleen Foley wanted to know if there would be a cross list of meetings posted on the Facebook page.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon