

Village of Cold Spring  
Board of Trustees Workshop

June 23, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Frances Murphy, Michael Bowman, Cathryn Fadde and Marie Early.

Mayor Merandy opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. A motion was made by Trustee Early to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing the legal firm of Catania, Mahon, Milligram & Rider, PLLC with John W. Furst. A second was made by Trustee Murphy and with a unanimous vote the executive session began.

A motion was made by Trustee Early to exit the executive session with a second from Trustee Bowman. With a unanimous vote, the executive session was closed.

A motion was made by Trustee Early to reopen the workshop meeting. Trustee Bowman seconded the motion which was carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Early for the Village to hire Catania, Mahon, Milligram & Rider, PLLC. as general counsel. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion. At the discussion, Mayor Merandy stated that the motion be subject to reviewing their contract because much of their discussions were either verbal or over the phone as far as hourly rate and based on the condition that the Board agree on the written contract. Trustee Bowman requested an amended motion. Trustee Early added "so amended". Trustee Murphy seconded the amended motion. Upon voting on the amended motion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Bujarski brought in copies of the present Village Code 104 regarding advertising on Main Street. This subject was brought up last year with Village Attorney, Mike Liguori when Fran Murphy was a volunteer and she and Village Clerk, Mary Saari drafted a letter which was never released. The Board would like copies of the draft letter.

Trustee Early read Chapter 108, Street and Sidewalks section 22. As she reads it, street sales are prohibited by this code. Code 108.24 states that merchants may display merchandise on village property up to three (3) feet out from the building. Nothing is written regarding dining tables, sandwich boards, planters, etc.

Trustee Bowman recalled that the prior Board had received sample codes from other municipalities that Mr. Liguori had given them but they were never got to discuss them.

Mayor Merandy suggested that they digest these and wait until Mr. Bujarski can attend a meeting. Maybe the answer is that we need so many feet for open space for pedestrians and go from there.

Ray DeFrancesco, father of the owner of Whistling Willy's has moved the hostess stand from the sidewalk and removed the sandwich board. We "don't want to break the law".

### **Correspondence**

John Coppola, representing Sam Bei, owner of Hudson House River Inn, sent an email requesting that they not be required to pay taxes on the parking lot on New Street as DEC will be excavating it and Hudson House Patrons will not be able to use it. The Village has an agreement with the Hudson House that they may use this parcel for patron parking with the fee constituting of taxes. Trustee Murphy will discuss this with the Village accountant, Ellen Mageean and perhaps it can be pro-rated.

The Cold Spring Film Society would like permission to place a public porta-potty at the north end of Dockside Park on West Street from June 26 to September 8, 2015 during their free summer screenings. Trustee Fadde will check into this request with the Chamber of Commerce as in prior years, the Chamber has partnered with the Film Society for this purpose.

Trustee Early made a motion to permit the use of a porta-potty at Dockside Park for the film screening season dependent on the outcome of Trustees Fadde's information. Mayor Merandy seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The **HDRB** presented a chart showing their goals for updating their Design Standards, including a timeframe that they will try to achieve in the coming year.

The **Minutes of June 2, 2015** were presented to the Board for approval. Trustee Early suggested the following changes: On page 1, third paragraph, third line down, change the word *half's* to the word *portions*; in the seventh paragraph, third line down change the word *this* vendor to *the* vendor; in the last paragraph, sixth line down, change the word *counsel* to the word *consultant*.

With the above noted changes, Trustee Early made a motion to accept the minutes of June 2, 2015 as amended. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a vote of 4-0-1, the motion carried. Trustee Bowman abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

The **Minutes of June 11, 2015** were presented to the Board for approval. Trustee Early noted the change to page 2, third paragraph ...light *polls* to *poles*.

With the above noted change, Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes of June 11, 2015 as amended. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a vote of 4-0-1, the motion carried. Trustee Bowman abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

### Public Comment

Mr. Cunningham asked how much the new Village Attorney will be getting.

Airinhos Serradas questioned the fact that the Board did not know the answer to Mr. Cunningham's question.

Mayor Merandy responded that there was a verbal amount agreed upon but will not be disclosed until the contract between the firm and Village is received with the amount listed in writing. At which time, the details will be released to the public.

Asked what the timeframe for a ruling on the Main Street planters, signs etc., Mayor Merandy answered it would probably be a few weeks as there is a legal involvement for the code changes.

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With a second from Trustee Murphy, and a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon