

Village of Cold Spring

Board of Trustees Workshop

October 6, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

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

A motion was made from Mayor Merandy to go into executive session to interview candidates for the Code Enforcement Office Clerical Assistant and for a discussion of a legal claim. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the Board moved into executive session.

7:39 pm The board voted unanimously to close executive session and continue the regular meeting.

The **Historic District Review Board (HDRB)** received two applications for the open position on their Board vacated by Michael Junjulas for health reasons. Because applicant Dana Bol is not available on Wednesdays when the Board holds its meetings, she withdrew her application. The HDRB was very impressed with Ms. Jennifer Simard noting her very strong interest in historic preservation. The Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Ms. Simard to the HDRB.

Trustee Early made a motion to accept the HDRB's recommendation and appoint Jennifer Simard to their Board. With a second from Trustee Bowman and a unanimous vote from the Village Board, the motion carried.

Lime Energy submitted quotes and projected payback periods for LED lights using an incorrect rate for energy usage. Using adjusted hours for interior and exterior lighting and the correct energy usage rate, the payback period would be elongated from 10 to 15 years. With this information, Trustee Early suggested that nothing be done.

The quotes did not include the subway information which is lit 24/7. After speaking with the representative, he felt that the subway would provide an 8 month payback replacing the present lights with LED lights. However, when asked if we could reuse the cages that enclose some of the lower lights, as they are easily accessible for vandalism, we did not get a response. Trustee Early feels that if cages are not provided, and the present cages cannot be reused, she suggests that the Village passes on everything.

As the funds for this program are almost expended and it is expected that next year's program will be less advantageous to municipalities, Mayor Merandy requested a motion to allow Trustee Early to proceed and to approve the change with Lime Energy for the subway if we can reuse the light cages. Trustee Fadde made a motion with a second from Trustee Murphy and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board discussed Sandy Saunders' plans for using the **Dockside property as a ship building facility** with a dock being built out into the Hudson River. After discussions stating the following:

- The Village doesn't have a lease with the NYS Parks Department for this property;

- This project fits well with heritage tourism which is a concept that hasn't received a lot of community support;
- I don't see it being well received by the public;
- We could create a questionnaire to get a better feel from the Village residents;
- After seeing the plans for stabilization for the property, I don't see it as a realistic plan;
- Several years ago a series of proposals were presented and none considered placing any structures on perimeter areas; all were for passive recreational use;
- State refers to property as a preserve and this use may not be consistent with the state's view of a preserve;
- We should highlight the need to check out a lease for the property;
- It may be premature to consider this lease with so many issues currently before the board.

To that end, the issue was tabled without making any positive or negative decision.

Glen F. Kubista & Associates represents the **Cold Spring Depot Restaurant** at 1 Depot Square. As required by the ABC Law Section 110(b), Mr. Kubista, on their behalf, is notifying the Village Board of their intent to file an application for a liquor license with the New York State Liquor Authority.

Pending a waiver from this municipality, a 30 day hold before said application can be filed is mandated by the State Liquor Authority. Mr. Kubista is requesting a waiver from the Village of Cold Spring Mayor and Board of Trustees eliminating the 30 day hold.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to grant the waiver to the Cold Spring Depot Restaurant releasing the 30 day hold for the filing of a liquor license. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and was approved with a unanimous vote.

Amy Kacala, Senior Planner of **Scenic Hudson, Inc.**, requested approval to hold a committee meeting on October 20, 2015 from 6-8 pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

Trustee Fadde made a motion to approve the request from Ms. Kacala of Scenic Hudson to hold their committee meeting at the Village Hall and with a second from Trustee Murphy and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board **minutes of September 15, 2015** as presented to the Board were approved with a motion from Trustee Early, a second from Mayor Merandy, and a unanimous vote.

Acting Officer-in-Charge, Ed Boulanger recommended that the Mayor and Board of Trustees offer Alberto Ruiz the **part-time** position of Probationary **Police Officer**.

Trustee Bowman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Boulanger and hire Alberto Ruiz as a part-time probationary police officer, pending background check. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Big Belly Trash Compactors has a lease agreement for a 5 year period, which makes it more difficult to get parties to pay for them. It would be good if the Village could at least provide two for the dock. There are merchants that have agreed to pay the lease to have one placed in front of their store.

Trustee Fadde will connect with either Village Clerk Mary Saari or her assistant, Ann Bouchard, to help draft a flyer for all the Main Street merchants, which Trustee Fadde will distribute, to get their opinion on paying for a lease. Mayor Merandy said if Trustee Fadde can get positive feedback from the merchants and the Village Highway Department Supervisor, Ed Trimble, is in agreement, the Village should move forward with this venture.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to close the October 6th meeting and with a second from Trustee Bowman and a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon