

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop

October 27, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:30 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.

Also in attendance were Jennifer Zwarick, Gina Van Nosedall, Danielle Pack McCarthy, Anne Impellizzieri and Juhee Lee-Hartford.

Jennifer Zwarick, Chair of the **Tree Advisory Board**, presented their draft proposal of Criteria for Judgement of Requests for Removal or Major Pruning of Public Trees to the Board. After a discussion of what a “desirable” tree is and a possible neighbor to neighbor squabble, Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the Tree Advisory Board’s Criteria for Judgement of Requests for Removal or Major Pruning of Public Trees with a second from Trustee Early. The Board voted unanimously and the motion carried. This applies to trees on Village property only, not on private property. It is noted that the Village Board has final approval of all work submitted to the Board from the Tree Advisory Board.

Gina Van Nosedall of **Philipstown Communities That Care Medication Return Program** had sent an email dated October 16, 2015 to Mary Saari, Village Clerk, requesting to be put on the Cold Spring Village Board Meeting’s agenda for October 27, 2015. The Coalition made an official request that they be able to arrange for 2 hours of a Village police officer’s time for the supervision of a Philipstown wide medication collection, once every month. (At this meeting, Ms. Van Nosedall said it should be 3 hours, not 2 hours.) The program consists of the following:

- One Saturday morning per month from 10 a.m. to noon;
- Located at the Cold Spring Village Police Station;
- Supervision of one Cold Spring Village Police Officer;
- The Philipstown Communities that Care will facilitate funding of the supervision of the box through the Philipstown Town Board;
- Medication Return Box will be provided by the County, facilitated by the Putnam Communities that Care;
- Medication Removal will be by the Sheriff’s Department at the end of the collection time; and
- Surveillance needs to be determined—Philipstown Communities that Care will facilitate funding if needed.

The Mayor and Officer Kane felt that the staircase leading up to the Police Department, which is not up to code, is not desirable for continued foot traffic especially for senior citizens. The Police Department is now short staffed and there is no desk Sergeant on duty. The tourist traffic and lack of parking on a Saturday is also a deterrent.

As presented to the Board, the Medication box must be bolted to the floor or wall and must be housed in a police facility. However, it was mentioned that there was a medication drop-off at the Putnam Community Hospital in Carmel which supports none of these recommendations.

Trustee Bowman suggested that the box be put in the Village Office Lobby that eliminates the staircase issue but does not change the parking problem.

Mayor Merandy requested more information on exactly what would be acceptable to be able to comply with this request given the differences on what was presented to this Board and what was done at Putnam Hospital. Ms. Van Nosedall was asked to return to the next Board meeting with more information which would hopefully lead to a suitable solution for all.

Danielle Pack McCarthy requested that the Board consider a mural being painted in the subway by the 7th grade **Art Class from Haldane**. It will represent both sides of the commercial shops on Main Street on, of course, both sides of the subway walls planned to be ready to paint in the spring of 2016. Trustee Early made a motion to approve the Art program stating that she looks forward to the preliminary sketch. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Anne Impellizzieri of 15 High Street who lost her home to fire, attended tonight's meeting with Juhee Lee-Hartford, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, of River Architects, who submitted plans showing the proposed temporary parking layout of the prefabricated residential boxes and a crane that is required for the reconstruction of Ms. Impellizzieri's residence. The timeframe is about one week from the time the boxes are dropped off to the placement of the boxes on the foundation. This will be early January depending on weather conditions. After a short discussion regarding traffic, High Street residents' driveways and the ability to enter and exit same and snowplowing by the Highway Department, Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the request dependent on the Fire Department's approval. With a second from Trustee Fadde and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Correspondence

The Village Board received a letter dated October 9, 2015 from Donald MacDonald, Chair of the Planning Board, requesting the Planning Board be Lead Agency for the coordinated SEQRA review of the application of Scenic Hudson Land Trust for property located at 20 The Boulevard. Because this letter was just presented to the Board at this October 27th meeting, the question was when the 30 days starts that the Board has until a response must be received from the Board. The letter states that it should be within 30 days of the date of this letter. But because the letter was not received in a timely manner, it leads to the question of when the 30 day countdown actually began. No judgement was made on this letter pending an answer to the Board's question regarding the 30 day countdown.

Donald MacDonald also sent a letter of resignation from his duties of not only Chair of the Planning Board but also as member of same. He noted that his business demands have increased to the point that he no longer has the time to be a participating member. This letter was dated September 27, 2015, but not received in the Village Office until October 21, 2015. The Board accepted his resignation.

With an empty seat on the Planning Board, Mayor Merandy appointed Matt Francisco as a member of the Board and also as Chair beginning November 4, 2015.

Trustee Bowman challenged this appointment with a motion to appoint Barney Molloy as interim chair to the Planning Board. Trustee Fadde seconded the motion. With a vote of 2-3, the motion was denied.

With that said, Trustee Early, to make things clear, made a motion to appoint Matt Francisco chair of the Planning Board which was seconded by Trustee Murphy and with a vote of 3-1-1, the appointment was secured. Mayor Merandy, Trustee Early and Trustee Murphy voted in favor, Trustee Fadde opposed and Trustee Bowman abstained.

A letter was received from Donald Smith, Putnam County Office of the Sheriff stating his support of the continued operation of the Cold Spring Boat Club because he very strongly believes that it serves vital interests of the community. The Club provides not only a tremendous venue for recreation, community social interaction, and tourism, but it also plays an important role in public safety and as an aide to law enforcement on the Hudson River.

The Sheriff's office uses the Boat Club slips to moor its river patrol boats. In addition, the Club often serves as a meeting place for their Marine Unit members and marine law enforcers from other jurisdictions during multi-agency initiatives on the river.

The Yacht Manhattan representative, Liz McEnaney, sent in an application for docking at the Main Street Dock for November 1, 2015 from 12:50 – 1:00 for the purpose of having passengers disembark to connect with Metro North. A motion was made by Trustee Early to approve the application of The Manhattan with a second from Trustee Murphy. The Board voted unanimously and the motion carried.

Notice to Interested Contractors for Bid for bituminous concrete furnished, delivered and laid in place, meeting specifications of the Village of Cold Spring Highway Department was posted in the PCNR on September 16, 2015. On September 28, the bids were opened with a bid from SP Landscaping of Cold Spring and Patricia Spano, Intercounty Paving of Carmel. Trustee Early made a motion to accept the bid from SP Landscaping for work to be done on the municipal parking lot on Fair Street. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion and was approved with a unanimous vote.

There was a short discussion regarding posting **winter parking notifications** on Facebook, but it was decided not to do that because of a possible mix-up of information. Residents can get the winter parking information by calling the Police Department's parking phone number as they are the ones who make the decision.

Anthony Adamo, Managed Technologies of NY, Inc., submitted two quotes of \$1,000+ for **the purchase of an additional computer** for the Building Department's newly established part-time position of Building Department Clerk. The Board members felt that because there are available computers in the Village Office, the purchase of a new computer was unnecessary.

Trustee Early received information from Rhinebeck, Fishkill and Wappinger Falls on time frames for the **removal of snow from sidewalks** in front of both commercial and residential buildings. She feels that the Board should seriously consider modifying the Village code to adopt the intent and wording from one of these three codes. The Board felt that an 18 hour time period from the end of the snowfall gave the residents and commercial owners ample time to remove the snow.

It was also suggested that a fine would be given to all those who have not cleaned their walks within this timeframe at increased multiples for non-payment based on the parking laws.

The **Bills** as presented to the Board, batch #3298 for a total of \$52,812.49 were approved for payment with a motion from Trustee Early and a second from Trustee Fadde. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board **minutes of September 29, 2015** as presented to the Board were approved with a motion from Trustee Early, a second from Mayor Merandy, and a vote of 4-0-1 with Trustee Bowman abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

The Board **minutes of October 6, 2015** as presented to the Board were approved with a motion from Trustee Early, a second from Mayor Merandy, and a unanimous vote.

An executive session was scheduled to consider the proposed **settlement agreement** for a legal matter. However, it was determined that because this is a settlement and it has to do with taxpayers' money, it should be handled in open session. Trustee Murphy made a motion for Mayor Merandy to sign the agreement in the settlement with the Village of Cold Spring, the PBA and Officer Anthony Pupczyk. Trustee Bowman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Because Tuesday, November 3, 2015 is Election Day, there will be **no scheduled meeting** on this day.

The subject of the sale of **porches on Village property** to the home/commercial owners was brought up. It is in the benefit of the Village, removes liability from the Village, to grant the sale of the porches to whomever requests said sale. This will be discussed further after information is received regarding prices and laws.

Mayor Merandy received an estimate from Dave Moroney of \$4,500 to **repair the bell tower** on top of the Village Office Building. A motion was made to accept the quote from Mr. Moroney from Trustee Early. Trustee Murphy made a second to the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ed Trimble of the Highway Department will be requested to make note from which Village commercial enterprises the **Highway Department picks up garbage**.

Big Belly Trash compactors are still under consideration.

The subject on how best to notify bus companies on where to park their busses after discharging their passengers was discussed with no affirmative action.

Public Comment

Frank Haggerty made note that the Village Police Department should be made aware of the traffic conditions occurring in the Village due to tourist and other activities causing unsafe conditions.

Trustee Fadde made a motion to close the October 27th meeting and with a second from Trustee Early, and a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon