

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop
July 5, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Marie Early, Frances Murphy, Lynn Miller and Steven Voloto.

The Village of Cold Spring **Independence Day Celebration** held on Sunday July 3rd at Dockside Park went well. Thank you to all who put in their time, work and donations.

Due to a confusion on dates and times, the **joint meeting with the Recreation Commission**, scheduled for this Board meeting will be held at the next meeting, July 12, 2016. The Mayor and Board are looking for clarification on fees, properties, purview of the Recreation Commission. Mayor Merandy suggested that the Board members draw up a short list of questions and concerns for the joint meeting.

There was controversy between the Tree Advisory Board and the property owner regarding the **removal of a walnut tree** at the residence of 230 Main Street. There was an ongoing discussion with the Tree Advisory Board (TAB) from March to-date regarding the location of the tree: village property or completely resident's property. The tree in the end was removed by the property owners and deemed rotted with a completely hollowed core by an arborist. The question was not so much the removal of the tree but the ownership of the tree. Members of the TAB suggested that the issue shows the need for the Village to revisit its approval process to ensure that public property is sufficiently protected.

The **Tree Advisory Board** (TAB) submitted a memo regarding 5 Village trees that need either pruning, cabling, removal or a combination of treatments for the safety of pedestrians and properties. The total for the suggested work is \$7,000. No decision was made at this time. Further research will be done to find monies for the work as the TAB's budget has approximately \$3,500 remaining.

The hiring of a **part time temporary accountant** was discussed. Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire Anne Dinio at \$45.00 per hour for 20 hours a week on a temporary basis until Michele Ascolillo returned from maternity leave. This is the same salary and hours as Ms. Ascolillo. Trustee Early seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Correspondence

A letter of request was received from Will Biavati to film on the path from the subway tunnel to the train station on the east side of the tracks. There would be a crew of 4 or 5 with no extra parking needed, no roads blocked off, no police needed. However, this path belongs to Metro North and the Village has no authority to grant the filming request. Mayor Merandy will send Mr. Biavati an email addressing his request.

A letter was received from Joseph Nocera of 9 Maggie May Way, Cold Spring stating that there are no handicapped parking spaces at the Depot Restaurant.

Old Business

The **Cold Spring Fire Company** is requesting a reimbursement of funds for gas which was taken from their budget for the last three years. Trustee Voloto and Mayor Merandy will meet with selected members of the fire company to go over their budget to determine what the next step will be.

New Business

Trustee Voloto was questioned by several people at the Independence Day Celebration about why the **Sheriff's Department deputies** were wearing submachine guns and body armor. This seems to be standard procedure on a large gathering with this new world we live in.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to exit the workshop and **enter into Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing various options for employee benefits. Trustee Miller seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

At 9:14 pm, Trustee Murphy made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Merandy and unanimously approved.

Immediately thereafter, Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn the workshop of July 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously approved. The workshop closed

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon