

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

September 13, 2016

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY beginning at 7:30 pm.

Attending: Mayor Dave Merandy and Trustees Lynn Miller, Marie Early, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto

Also: R. Flaherty, Town of Philipstown Councilman; Jeff Phillips, Recreation Commission Chair; Jennifer Zwarich, Chair Tree Advisory Board

Mayor Merandy opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Recreation Commission is currently working on recommendations for an agreement between the village and Haldane School related to use of Mayor's Park field.

Jen Zwarich reported that the Tree Advisory Board (TAB) made recommended changes to a contractor's application and will proceed with advertising. Four remaining trees scheduled for removal will be bundled and put out for quotes via the new application process. Ms. Zwarich expressed concern about the health of trees which were planted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on New Street. She urged the board to obtain a copy of the tree warranty. The TAB plans/design for Main Street beautification are close to completion and the TAB plans to raise funds for this project.

R. Flaherty reported on Town of Philipstown activities including road projects, the resignation of Judge Steiner, Fair Street sidewalks and an informational meeting scheduled to discuss taxes, particularly those in the Lakeland School district.

The Planning Board adopted a resolution to amend Condition B on the amended site plan for the change of use of the Lahey Pavilion at the Butterfield Redevelopment site. The modification allows the developer to continue working while protecting the Village's interests should busing not be used for the public assembly use.

The Historic District Review Board is finalizing their recommendations for ordinance revisions.

The Code Update Committee conducted a public meeting on August 3rd to describe their recommended changes to the "Use" category and to receive public input on those recommendations. The committee held two additional meetings in August which included an analysis of the 8/3 meeting and making assignments for the next category which is "Appearance". This category includes area and bulk regulations, lot coverage and setbacks, standards for preservation and restoration of cultural features, signs, standards for three story buildings, landscaping in and around parking lots and fences.

Water and Wastewater

Emergency repairs were made to the clarifier at the wastewater plant.

Contract documents for the Market Street Pump Station Replacement and the Collection System Relining have been approved by counsel. We hope to close on the low interest loan through EFC in November and put the projects out to bid.

A fractured 6" water main in the area of West Belvedere and Grandview Terrace was repaired. Reservoir levels are currently at 85% and residents were asked to voluntarily restrict water usage.

Code Enforcement

Eight building permits and eight certificates of occupancy were issued during August. There were twenty-one building/ compliant inspections.

In addition to regular duties, the highway department participated in water main repairs, installed catch basins on Bank Street, replaced curbing on Parrott Street, laid 8 tons of asphalt, installed signage and crosswalks on Mountain Avenue and new parking bumpers on New Street.

Police and Justice Court

During the period of July and August, Cold Spring Police responded to 183 calls for service, issued 67 tickets for vehicle and traffic infractions and 271 parking tickets.

The Justice Court collected \$9,711.00 during the month of August.

Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees

Mayor Merandy welcomed back Michelle Ascolillo who returned from maternity leave and thanked Anne Dinio and Trustees Early and Murphy who assisted during her absence. Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul participated in a 45- minute walking tour of the village. Mayor thanked Trustees Murphy and Early for the many hours they devoted to the Main Street project. Mayor thanked Ed Trimble for his 38 years of service to the village and added that he participated in many activities that saved the village money.

Trustee Early presented the following overview of the Main Street projects:

"In November, 2006 the Village received notice that the Initial Project Proposal had been approved. So the Main Street project has been close to 10 years in the making. The project is partially federally funded, and so the Village had to comply with all federal requirements including formal stages, documentation, review and approval cycles. The NYS DOT was identified as the local administrator of the project.

On April 30, 2015, approval was granted to proceed with detailed design.

On August 28, 2015, the PS&E (plan, specification and estimate - a 31 page document) was sent to the DOT for approval.

In November, 2015, the Village Board passed two resolutions authorizing the approval and commitment of Village funds for the project.

On December 9, 2015, the Village submitted a request to advertise for bids. The documentation submitted included, among other materials the 31 page schematic of the project and a 264 page Project Manual.

On January 19, 2016, approval was received to proceed with construction activities.

On January 22, 2016 advertisements were placed soliciting bids, due by Feb. 22, 2016.

On Feb. 22, 2016, bids were opened.

On March 14, 2016, the certification of bidding and award documentation was submitted.

On April 7, 2016, notification was received that the construction contract bidding and award process was complete and satisfactory, and that concurrence was received to award the bid.

A public meeting was held on April 25 to inform the public as to the scope and schedule for the project, and to provide as much detailed information as possible.

Construction began on May 2, 2016.

The project was considered "Substantially Complete" last week; the projected date for this checkpoint was September 30, 2016.

The last construction occurred on September 12, 2016.

There are two remaining items on the punch list - the trees and the lighting. The trees will probably not be planted until the end of October due to weather conditions for the healthy planting of trees. The lighting component is still being discussed by Central Hudson. We expect to receive word from them the week of September 19 for the installation of a prototype area light.

This project involved hundreds, if not thousands, of hours from Village Board members from 2006 to the present. It also involved the participation of the Village Clerk, the Village Accountant, the Highway Department and the Water and Sewer Department. We would like to voice our appreciation to all those who participated in this 10 year effort!"

Trustee Miller has connected with a Dale family representative to follow up on their request for a plaque for the bandstand. The senior picnic is scheduled for September 17th and Cold Spring merchants have been very generous with their donations to this event.

Trustee Murphy thanked Max Hadden, a 14-year old student, who volunteered to scan village records and place them into a searchable format on Laserfische. Max also tallied results of a survey performed for the water department.

Trustee Murphy organized two presentations for employees regarding options for medical insurance.

Trustee Voloto reported that the Town of Philipstown is seeking budget requests for fire protection.

Correspondence

Attorney William Florence asked the board to consider the sale of the concrete extension of the walkway at 138- 140 Main Street. Mayor Merandy asked the board to table this request and to determine possible negative consequences of the sale of Main Street stoops. Board members agreed.

Michelle Grasso would like to take a horse and carriage ride after her wedding ceremony from Our Lady of Loretto Church on Fair Street to the waterfront. The board would like insurance provided and follow up with the police for an escort.

Ed Trimble requested 80 hours of vacation pay in lieu of time off. Mayor Merandy moved to grant this request and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

The board rescheduled an executive session to Tuesday, September 20th at 5:00 pm for discussion of an employee contract.

Mayor Merandy moved to pay the audited bills, Batch # 3715 in the amount of \$76,848.02 and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

Mayor Merandy moved to approve minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

Mayor Merandy moved to approve minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Vote: 3-0-2-0 with Trustees Early and Voloto abstaining due to absence.

With no public comment or further business, Mayor Merandy moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk