

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516**

**Workshop Meeting
5-1-18**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees a workshop meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 7 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Lynn Miller, Marie Early, Steve Voloto and Frances Murphy.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CHAPTER 64 REGULATING THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

HDRB Vice-chair Kathleen Foley presented an overview of the changes. During the presentation she noted that:

- The chapter was initially adopted in 1976 and there has not been any comprehensive update since
- The HDRB seeks to retain what works and modify or discard provisions that don't
- The HDRB has reviewed preservation codes in other municipalities
- The purpose of the update is to: clarify the process, align it more closely with the NYS model preservation code, make it more user friendly and to provide reliable and fair protection for historic resources
- Work on the update has been funded by grants and volunteer time
- The updated chapter:
 - Is now organized in the order that an applicant will follow
 - Application criteria are more specific
 - HDRB process is more specific
 - Offers more protection for historic resources and property owners
 - Has more clearly defined terms
 - Has the SEQR process incorporated
 - Includes fees and escrow requirements
 - Articulates the process for hardship claims

Public Comment – None

Board Comment

Trustee Voloto expressed concern about the HDRB process when a request to demolish a historic building is received and noted the lack of Village Board of Trustees input into the process (in those cases.)

K. Foley responded to these comments noting that:

- The process is open at all times and all stages for public comment. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the Village website as are videos of all meetings

- A SEQR process is followed in those cases, which are designated as Type I (requiring a full environmental assessment)
- HDRB works with applicant to develop other options (short of demolition)
- The entire process, including work by consultants hired by the HDRB, is documented
- Any action by the HDRB (regarding demolition) can be appealed to a NYS judge

RESOLUTION 15-2018

Resolution # 15-2018 Adopting Local Law 02-2018 to Amend Chapter 64 Regulating Historic District

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees has caused to be prepared a draft of the local law to amend Chapter 64 of the Village Code regulating the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a duly noticed public hearing on the draft amended local law on May 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as it applies to the adoption of the draft amended local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Local Law No. 2 of 2018 is hereby adopted and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all of the actions necessary to complete the local law adoption procedure including filing said local law with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

Mayor Merandy moved the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Early.

On roll call vote:

Lynn Miller, trustee voting AYE

Marie Early, trustee voting AYE

Frances Murphy, trustee voting AYE

Steve Voloto, trustee voting AYE

Dave Merandy, Mayor voting AYE

Resolution officially adopted at a public meeting held on 5-1-18 by a vote of 5-0-0.

FIRE SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the final listing for the fireman service award. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOA WITH COLD SPRING POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Trustee Early made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOA on condition of clarification of the ratification date noted on pp. 1, 3, 4 and 6. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village received a letter from Ryan and Erika Trow (residing at 4 Stone St.) requesting the right to use a section of village property for their front stoop restoration. During the Board discussion it was noted that:

- The area in question includes the area of the stoop south to the property's driveway
- The Village is willing to sell that portion of the sidewalk for \$4/SF

Trustee Murphy made a motion to grant use of the Village property, subject to its purchase (by the Trow's). Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF SALARIES

During the discussion of salaries for Highway Department personnel it was noted that:

- An increase in the hourly rate may be justified if personnel have or will obtain special licenses or certificates
- Current hourly rate for new personnel is \$15.
- Salary for personnel with a special license, such as a CDL, would be increased \$3 an hour.
- The Village would not pay for any classes or processes required for personnel to obtain special licenses but would allow paid time for attendance at classes
- Some licensing processes can take several years (combining classwork and field work)
- Board will research current Village practice in this regard to identify relevant criteria
- Board agreed that the hourly rate for the Highway Superintendent would be increased to \$30, effective 12-1-18
- Board consensus is that starting hourly salary for water and sewer department personnel to be \$15.

APPROVE NEW HIRE FOR WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Board discussed the hiring of Louis Kitweger. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Kitweger lives in Beacon
- He has several certificates in construction and wastewater treatment
- He has agreed to start at an hourly salary of \$15

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire Kitweger to work at the Water and Sewer Department. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR FIRE HOUSE ROOF TO HOMEPRO EXTERIORS

The Village has received a bid from HomePro Exteriors to replace the roof at the Cold Spring Firehouse in the amount of \$85,853.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to award the contract to HomePro contingent upon receipt of satisfactory references. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #4591 in the amount of \$27,243.11. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESSMetro-North Railroad

Mayor Merandy and Trustee Murphy met with representatives of Metro-North Railroad (MNR) to discuss the cleanliness of stairs, elevators and overpass and roof gutter overflow. They were informed that the overpass and stairs are to be steam-cleaned and that new gutters will be installed to prevent rainwater overflow.

Merandy and Murphy also asked whether MNR would help to defray the costs of the Market St. road repairs. MNR declined.

Regarding maintenance work to the road bridge over the train tracks, the Mayor noted that the Village is responsible "from the steel and above" and that MNR is responsible "from the steel and below." To address falling concrete, MNR will remove concrete coating from steel and repaint. MNR will also test the structural integrity of the bridge.

The Village will bid out the repair work for the bridge road surface and expect that work to be financed by CHIPS funding.

Independence Day

Mayor Merandy and the Independence Day committee will meet on 5-3-18 to continue preparations

PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Foley asked whether village residents should petition the State to require MNR to pay for Market St. repairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date