

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

**Trustees Monthly Meeting  
5-8-18**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Frances Murphy, Marie Early and Steve Voloto. Trustee Lynn Miller was absent.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Officer in Charge Larry Burke reported for the month of April that:

- There were 54 calls for service
- There were 56 tickets issued
- There were no arrests
- Grants have been received:
  - From Sue Serino for surveillance equipment (\$2,500)
  - From Putnam County for PCs for police cars (\$8,000)
  - From Department of Justice for new vests (\$900)
- Officer in Charge Burke has met with Haldane to discuss their new proposed traffic patterns during arrival of high school students (at 7:05am). Backups at the circle flowing back to Rt. 9D have created traffic issues. Alternate routes to local streets off of Mountain Ave have been discussed. Police will be present to direct traffic for whatever solution is decided upon. Burke did not confirm whether this would be a short or long-term presence.
- Mayor Merandy expressed his displeasure that the Board has not been involved in these discussions as they will have a great impact upon the Village. He criticized the Haldane Superintendent for not considering Village input despite previous requests that it do so.

**MONTLY REPORTS**

Recreation Commission.

In a written report Commission Chair Bruce Campbell noted that the commission has:

- Skate Park discussion is ongoing
- Hop's Beer Festival details were discussed as well as requirements for future for-profit events
- Oktoberfest application discussed
- Replacement trees have been planted at the waterfront
- Considered hiring a seasonal part-time employee, primarily for Mayor's Park events
- Approved a request from the O'Sullivan family to hold a First Communion party at Mayor's Park on May 12, 2018
- Discussed overall recreation department activities and their staffing requirements

Planning Board – None

### Zoning Board of Appeals - None

#### Town of Philipstown

Town trustee Bob Flaherty noted that the Town:

- Congratulated The Nest upon their 20-year anniversary
- Planning Board granted a positive SEQR declaration for the Hudson Highlands Preserve by a vote of 5-2
- Held a public hearing regarding location of a cell tower on May 2, 2018. Alternate locations were presented moving the tower 800 FT closer to Rte. 9 and reducing the height
- Danielle Pack McCarthy, the newly hired Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Coordinator for the Town of Philipstown, held a workshop
- Held a workshop with Sun Tower about solar panels at the Rec Center in Garrison
- Town Hall renovations plans are still undergoing revisions. Final plans will be submitted to the Village.

#### Historic District Review Board

In a written report HDRB vice-chair Kathleen Foley noted that:

- The HDRB continues to edit the Design Standards
- Chapter 64 had been approved by the Village

#### Cold Spring Fire Company – None

#### Tree Advisory Board – None

#### Code Update Committee

Trustee Early reported that:

- NYSERDA has provided guidance for the process to be followed for topics that are “Evaluate”
- Draft documents have been completed for:
  - Evaluate Flooding Standards
  - Evaluate Steep Slopes
- The process for Evaluate Adopting a Ridgeline Protection Overlay District has been completed and a draft document will be produced
- An updated NYSERDA agreement #39523 has been received and is undergoing review.
- NYSERDA has approved payment of expenses incurred for Task 3.2 Meeting Minutes and attendance list from Public Input Session #2. An invoice will be sent
- NYSERDA has recommended approval of Task 2.2B Draft Code Amendments in Appearance Category.
- A conference call was held with NYSEDRDA

### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Gregory Phillips noted that for the month of April:

- The reservoir is at 100% capacity
- Flow to system is 6.35 MG/211.6k/day
- 2017 flow to system was 6.14 MG/205k/day representing a 3.3% increase
- Results of bacteria samplings parameters are acceptable for drinking water
- The department's engineer is preparing a summary of design items, specifically outlet valve location and Dam toe maintenance access, for discussion with Tectonic Engineering
- A system hydrant flush has been completed
- A water main issue on Fair St. was repaired
- It has been confirmed with the Putnam County Highway department that there will be no application of herbicides on Fishkill Road.

### **WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Gregory Phillips noted that for the month of April:

- Plant inflow was 7.38 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 246K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 97% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 96% removal
- The Market St Pump station replacement project began on April 12<sup>th</sup>. A complaint was filed with the DEC regarding ground water pumped from the site reaching the Hudson River. Compliance with DEC requirements for this discharge will be met. A discharge permit was not deemed necessary by the DEC during the project's planning stages.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

In a written report the department noted that for the month of April:

- 8 new building permit applications were received
- 5 building permits were issued
- 6 Certificates of Occupancy were issued
- 6 title searches were completed
- 3 referrals to the HDRB were made
- 3 referrals to the ZBA were made
- 1 referral to the CSPB was made
- \$3,090 in application and permit fees were collected
- \$450 in title search fees were collected

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Crew Chief Robert Downey noted for the month of April that:

- Main St benches have been sanded, repaired, painted and brought back to the street
- Bulk of street sweeping is completed
- Subway has been pressure washed
- East Belvedere was graded and rolled

- Brush collection occurred on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Maintenance of public restrooms will occur on Monday, Wednesday and Sundays
- Equipment stored at Mayor's Park has been inventoried for repair, sale or disposal
- Flags were prepared for Memorial Day
- A 15'-0" section of drain pipe was replaced on Kemble Ave
- Repairs were made to Bobcat's sweeper.
- Salters have been removed and stored for the season
- Exhaust boot on 1993 International garbage truck was replaced
- Service and tune-ups were performed on tractors, mowers and weed whackers.
- Training for all personnel on the backhoe and Bobcat has begun
- Pavers and planters at the foot of Main St. to be repaired
- Mayor requested that the time required for lawn maintenance of all village properties be recorded.

#### **JUSTICE COURT**

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of April:

- \$1,810 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$2,547 in parking fines were collected
- \$235 in civil fees were collected
- \$1,045 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There were 26 VTL charges

#### **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH EFPR GROUP**

Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the EFPR Contract. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN IT SERVICE & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR CSPD**

Trustee Early made a motion authorizing Mayor to sign the IT service and maintenance contract for the CSPD at the rate of \$260/month. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Murphy is seeking funding for renovation of the Village Hall (carpets and painting)

Mayor Merandy noted that Independence Day preparations continue. Invitations to participate have been sent to area organizations. The festivities are scheduled for June 30, 2018 with the parade at 4pm. Rain date is July 1, 2018.

Mayor Merandy encouraged all village residents to vote in the upcoming school board elections

Mayor Merandy noted that a recent article in the Highlands Current incorrectly stated that all highway personnel were paid \$18/hour, but it is only those personnel with a CDL who will be paid at that rate. Hourly rate for all other employees is \$15/hour.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### Cold Spring Fire Company

The Village received a letter from the Cold Spring Fire Company requesting permission to close Church St. (from the firehouse to Main St.) on July 27<sup>th</sup> for the Junior Firefighter Academy Graduation Ceremony.

Board members expressed concern about vehicle circulation for residents. Officer in Charge Chief Burke stated that barriers will be set up on Church St. and Northern to block vehicles. As well, an officer will be present to assist residents needing access or egress.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to grant permission to close Church St, as requested by the CSFC. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

### Lee Cone

Mr. Cone wrote a letter requesting permission to operate a food cart on Main St., beginning July 4<sup>th</sup>. During the Board's discussion it was noted that:

- Village code doesn't cover food carts
- Other restaurants on Main St. may be adversely impacted
- The proposed location at the foot of Main St. is not practical as it will interfere with vehicular traffic. Currently no parking is allowed in that area.
- The Board will consult its attorney prior to taking any action

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) – Chazen study on protection of drinking water

Michelle Smith (HHLT) presented the proposed study noting that:

- State funding has become available to study ways to protect drinking water resources
- HHLT has received grant monies to study the Cold Spring watershed
- Chazen Companies would perform a study to determine areas that should be protected. The scope of work includes:
  - Conservation measures and mapping (2 months)
  - Road study (2.5 months)
  - Backup water supply sources (2.5 months)
- Based upon the Chazen study, grants could be solicited for future conservation easements
- Water runoff into Foundry Brook is included in the study
- Study will present recommendations.
- Mayor Merandy thanked the HHLT for donating recycle bins.

**OLD BUSINESS**4 Stone St.

- Property owners have decided not to purchase portions of Village property (citing high legal costs). Trustee Early requested that the new stoop and railing include a visual indication for pedestrians
- Mayor Merandy made a motion to allow property owner to add extra step to stoop with the condition that a visual indication be included on the railing. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 16-2018 ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR KEMBLE PUMP STATION**

## RESOLUTION 16-2018 ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring Village Board is constructing improvements to the existing Wastewater Pumping Station on Market Street involving the complete replacement in Kind of the pump station, controls and emergency power connections (hereinafter known as “the Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, the Kemble Pump Station shares the same portable generator as the Market St Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees concludes that the generator connections need to be the same at both stations for continued reliable operation of the pump station and propose to replace the generator plug, transfer switch and backer board (herein after known as "the Work"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has considered and reviewed the "Work" needed at Kemble as an “action” subject to SEQRA pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§ 617.2(b); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees concludes that “the Work” is a listed Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.5(c)(2)” replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site,...”; and

WHEREAS, “the Work” does not exceed any thresholds of Type I actions listed in 6 NYCRR section 617.4 (b); and

WHEREAS, the Work at Kemble does not have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in subdivision 617.7(c).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.6(a)(1)(i), the Village Board of Trustees classifies the action as a Type II action that is exempt from further requirements of 6 NYCRR section 617;

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

On roll call vote:

Lynn Miller, Trustee voting ABSENT

Marie Early, Trustee voting YES

Frances Murphy, Trustee voting YES

Steve Voloto, Trustee voting YES

Dave Merandy, Mayor voting YES

Resolution officially adopted at a public meeting held on May 8, 2018 by a vote of 4-0-1.

**KENNETH TRIMBLE RESIGNATION LETTER**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Trimble’s resignation effective May 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**APPROVE HIRING OF JAKE VACCARO**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire Jake Vaccaro as a laborer with the Highway Department at a rate of \$18/hour. (Vaccaro has a CDL.) Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Early made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 minutes. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Trustee Murphy abstaining.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Batch #4603 in the amount of \$21,630.87. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

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Mayor David Merandy

Date