

Village of Cold Spring Code Update Committee
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516
April 18, 2018

Meeting

The Village of Cold Spring Code Update Committee held a meeting on April 4, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Village office at 85 Main St. Attending were board members: Bonny Carmicino, Anne Impellizzeri, Karen Doyle, Norah Hart, Paul Henderson, and Trustee Marie Early.

CALL TO ORDER

- M. Early called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- M. Early informed the CUC she has received approval from NYSERDA on CUC's proposal on how to evaluate review topics, and that there would be a NYSERDA conference call on 4/19. All are welcome to participate.
- M. Early will send NYSERDA the list of conferences and seminars attended by CUC members.
- M. Early requested all members to send her a list of the sources they used in developing the topics for Phase 2; this list is required by NYSERDA.

MINUTES

N. Hart made a motion to accept the 3-14-18 minutes as amended. P. Henderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously (K. Doyle was not present for the vote).

N. Hart made a motion to accept the 4-4-18 minutes as amended. B. Carmicino seconded and the motion passed unanimously (K. Doyle was not present for the vote).

COMMENTS ON CHAPTER 104 (SIGNS)

During the discussion it was noted that:

- Village Attorney John Furst has submitted comments to the proposed draft, including the addition of a Statement of Purpose.
- Committee members discussed the chapter and made modifications.
- Members will review the draft and send their comments via email.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS

P. Henderson will amplify the standards and circulate them for review and comment.

GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

A. Impellitiere will research how other municipalities approach this standard and circulate them for review and comment.

EVALUATE FLOODING STANDARDS

- The committee received feedback from NYSERDA re: “evaluate”. NYSERDA was sent the following question: “Is it sufficient to discuss the pros and cons of the topic (such as “flooding standards”) versus what currently exists in the Village Code (the Village Code has a full chapter which addresses this topic - Chapter 52 - Floodplain Management) and determine if the current text dealing with flood plain management is sufficient vis-à-vis FEMA regulations? If it is found that the current chapter adequately addresses and incorporates the FEMA regulations, is any other action necessary to consider the topic completed?”. Caitlin Dufraine’s response on April 18 was “I think the flooding standards example you provide would sufficiently meet the requirement to “evaluate” the topic.”. Therefore, the CUC should document the discussions on flooding standards and make recommendations on the deletion of manufactured homes from Chapter 52, changes to building height (retain the maximum height of 35 feet), and the inclusion of new regulations on fuels tanks.
- The committee reviewed the changes discussed at the last meeting. The section referring to trailers has been deleted.
- N. Hart presented draft wording for a new section regarding how to secure outdoor fuel tanks (to meet FEMA requirements) and to remove references to manufactured homes.

EVALUATE STEEP SLOPES

B. Carmicino presented a draft based upon Sloatsburg, NY and circulated it to the members. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Terracing should be allowed (as the entire village is essentially built upon a slope.)
- The highest point of the Village slope is Haldane (at 240’-0” above sea level.)
- The distance from the Hudson River to Haldane is approximately 0.8 miles which equals a 5% slope.
- Committee members discussed whether a change to the code is necessary or whether it is sufficient as currently written.
- Members should read through B. Carmicino’s draft and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

EVALUATE ADOPTING A RIDGELINE PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT

Committee members discussed adoption of a ridgeline protection overlay district. Based on the response from NYSERDA, the work done to date may be sufficient.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on May 2.

N. Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Carmicino seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Submitted by:
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Marie Early

Date