

VIII. Other comments or suggestions on anything about planning for Cold Spring

1 It's just as possible to be wrong by being too cautious as it is to be wrong by taking big risks.

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3 Historic Board can give guidelines but should not impose personal views! People renovating homes should have time limits to complete them ... some local homes have had scaffolding up for 5 years!

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5 Keep the village small – keep our open spaces open. Can we enforce noise pollution controls on motorcycles? They are too loud in the village!

6 Limit or stop development!

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10 Butterfield Hosp. should be used for hosp. purposes, urgent care.

11 Improve/build on “old world” character of C.S., i.e. street lights, awnings, more trees, outdoor tables and chairs for cafes.

12 Help business on Main Street!

13 Make better use of town's existing resources instead of building new facilities with questionable demand from the community.

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15 I love Cold Spring. ...a bike trail to Garrison, traffic-calming on 9D & 301

16 I'd suggest continuing to maintain our village's character while allowing/cultivating more upscale amenities – a non-corporate-owned café, a theatre ...

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18 getting rid of sump water dumps the school has for water runoff especially the one on 9D

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22 In general, more public facilities + parks (like the new park next to Our Lady Chapel) would be desirable. A little more building for housing + a business or two.

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24 There is now too much building of homes going on – have a limit – the town is getting too crowded – have people who are doing home improvement have a time frame to finish or be fined.

25 You cannot expect things to just stay the same and never change – we just have to try to be responsible, green, and always think and plan for the future.

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29 Emergency medical access 24 hours a day is a must!

30 The village continues to lure city transplants such as myself (8 yrs ago) who are attracted by the village, as opposed to suburban atmosphere, the lack of chain stores, mall-like flavor, etc. Trying to figure out how to maintain this, while broadening the tax base so that seniors and lower-income young families can afford to stay here, seems like a goal to me.

31 Pressure OSI to either proceed with the Dockside plans they proposed (food stand, launch area) or relinquish control so that some recreational use can be made of it. Open up another outdoor bar.

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35 The former Dockside restaurant area should be developed with a full-scale restaurant.

36 School elections when voted no for items – they then have another election. That is wrong.

37. On school elections, and items are voted no – they should not have more elections to have a yes majority.

38 Try to lower property taxes instead of raising them year after year. The school tax is exorbitant. Salaries at the top (supt.) of Haldane School are too high. Why was a search needed (more money paid out) to find a superintendent? Why not move one of the good teachers in the system to the job; they would have the advantage of knowing the school and the community already.

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40 Cold Spring is a great place to live. My biggest concerns are that we keep the small-town look and feel as much as possible, preserve the waterfront, and try to keep housing costs reasonable. Also continue to keep franchises from coming to Cold Spring. Thank you!

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42 Please remember that our children are being excluded from affordable housing in Cold Spring.

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44 Let us not become another Westchester (over-priced and over-crowded).

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46 Cold Spring is small enough that we could be a model for sustainability, energy self-sufficiency and historic preservation. The village is run by well intentioned but underqualified people and it's hurting us as a community.

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50 Demolish Butterfield Hospital building and make a park.

51 A movie theater would be great! I would like to see Main Street looking tidier, better maintained.

52 If we are going to rely on "visitors" to keep our economy going – then we should have something worth visiting. We could emphasize the holidays (e.g. 4th of July fireworks), weekend events, and interesting attractions (street fairs) craft fairs, pumpkin or apple fests, historic reenactments.

53 more fireworks for holidays, variety w/shopping

54 Bring back the jazz clubs & dance clubs.

55 The teenagers need something to do. We really don't have any developmental programs/activities so they just hang out. They are not bad but I see no direction.

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62 No more housing: Housing means more kids – who need more schools – schools mean more taxes.

63 off-street parking in a central location that can be directly reached from 9D & walking distance from Main St to allow development of businesses & services that address the daily needs of area residents – as well as recreational needs of tourists

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66 1) Give people time to finish their building permit then fine them. 2) Bring back Dockside. 3) Encourage more B&Bs.

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70 It would be great if this process could be communal/cooperative, not divisive/“political” with sides drawn up & arguments abounding. It is this fear of often nasty confrontations that leads me not to give my name.

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72 Make it easier to have a home occupation! Not just limited to the residence – be able to use garage/accessory buildings.

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77 Why is it taking so long to do anything with the old battery factory & other structures? Things seem to move so slowly here.

78 Thanks for the survey & the time & efforts you are all putting in – People in authority here have generally been hostile – better since new persons elected in.

79 Thanks for the survey & the hard work on this project.

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82 I would like to see the police force become a real part of the community w/local residents fulltime cops – not lots of part time strangers who are not friendly.

83 more trees on Main St. No removal of trees over 1’ in diameter.

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91 more input by community members into decisions and daily operations that affect the town and community

92 One of the strong points for tourism in Cold Spring is that it is the center of beautiful open spaces. People come here to enjoy these spaces. We should capitalize on this. Tourists, day hikers would like to have places to eat and shop in stores that are unique. We should gear activities and events around these natural attributions -- encourage people to come up by train, provide trolley service to trailheads, inspire a culinary environment and people will come. Tourism = more tax.

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94 cooperation with each other to make this community that much better

95 Try to strike a balance for both residents and visitors, which means upholding the differences between residential and commercial zones.

96 My wife and I much enjoy living in Cold Spring and want to continue living here. I've lived here all my life. We like Cold Spring as it is. The one thing that concerns me is the ever-increasing tax burden on homeowners. This coupled with fuel oil increases places continuing strain on fixed income households.

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100 Maintain small town atmosphere.

101 Thanks for sending out this survey!

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103 Shut down Indian Point nuclear power plant.

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105 Work together to continue the friendliness in our historic 19th century village.

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108 Keep up the good work!

109 Give out Butterfield the correct amount of money (voted for by C.S. residents) so they may continue their valuable cultural services. We love the book discussion group!

110 Keep it small and friendly.

111 My impression is that most Cold Spring residents work outside Cold Spring. The survey planners must try to verify this, using survey questions. If it's true, then local businesses are not the major factor in Cold Spring's economy.

112 How about a 10 percent discount at restaurants for village residents.

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116 If burial of utility lines is to be considered, it should be for the entire village, not just Main Street. They are one of the most unattractive features of this village.

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119 The zoning change on the lower Main Street area was/is potentially catastrophic for the village. The village government needs to think more strategically and more long term. We need better governance.

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121 Thank you for the opportunity to have a voice. What makes this village is its people and its location. I appreciate that everyone is being asked for their input.

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126 This planning effort is important and worthwhile – kudos and thanks to everyone involved!

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131 Need to strengthen non-residential tax base.

132 consideration of docking facilities for ferries and passenger river boats; friendliness to visitors initiated and supported by schools and religious groups, “ambassadors of good will” so to speak -- Give visitors another reason to return.

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135 There are parcels in Cold Spring with homes or structures that need repairs or cosmetic improvement. I would encourage the homeowners and the village government to work to the end that these occur.

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139 This comprehensive plan should follow the original master plan in keeping it simple and understanding.

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142 Crosswalks throughout Main Street with pedestrian crossing signs. Cold Spring, as most uniquely situated village on Hudson, should be a model (national) for control of storm water runoff control. Many creative solutions -- \$\$\$ is available!

143 Yes. Try to use some common sense and eliminate some of these rules. Allow people to make their own decisions. For a small town, Cold Spring has far too many rules.

144 All items in this survey are admirable goals. Once recommendations are made WHO will enforce/carry out those recommendations?

145 I suggest parking permits for Cold Spring residents so they may avoid parking tickets. \$50 would be a fair price.

146 Treat the people who come here with respect.

147 When I was young we had an A&P, 2 butcher shops, a movie theater, a bakery, 2 drugstores, a hospital and a laundry. I think we should go into the past and at least try to match it – we also had Burns (inexpensive) but nice.

148 Good luck. Written on Metro North to NYC.

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150 Our dogs need a dog park! Taxes are going to drive me from my home!

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161 No more condos built on the river! Don't make this town any more of a tourist trap than what it is.

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169 Cold Spring needs more consistent population. Tourism is not a reliable support. Staff from offices/business located in town would support shops and restaurants.

170 Grandfather aluminum siding in historic areas.

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176 more parking

177 The planning board does not plan! It needs to be elected and refocused.

178 The place is getting very trashy with litter! Have you noticed?

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181 Should not encourage building of McMansions or expansion of existing homes into setback areas. The community cannot sustain an increase in tourism beyond what we currently have. Retail areas should not be expanded! There must be a balance between tourists and quality of life for the people who live here.

182 Keep Cold Spring as a positive place for children to grow up in. This survey should have been sent out earlier – too lengthy and time consuming.

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185 1) Historic Board should have more power to prevent new construction from looking too modern. 2) The building inspector should more actively pursue violators. 3) Tourism is overrated.

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188 I would like to see more youth activity for teens; a concession (perhaps run by a nonprofit) open on weekends at the waterfront in summer; a skateboard park.

189 Property developers have been too successful at “getting their way” in Cold Spring. Give the villagers more say in re-zoning issues, etc. The new waterfront town houses should never have been permitted.

190 Speaking as someone who moved here from NYC but grew up in a small town, I wish some way could be found to show more deference to the wishes of long-term Cold Spring residents in making planning decisions.

191 problems: noise pollution -- big problem; speeding motorists; deterioration of quality of life for residents with increased emphasis on tourists and promotion of village as travel destination

192 We also need ways to improve dialogue in the village – especially between old-time and new residents.

193 The collapsed wall near the Methodist church is unsightly and very unsafe – needs IMMEDIATE attention. State of sidewalks is pitiful. Uneven surfaces, cracks and holes plus no ramps – make it painful to walk, especially uphill.

194 Increasing the number of multi-family dwellings and condos will dramatically increase the population density in the village. I do not support this type of growth. I own a 2-family house in the village. If anything, I am considering returning it to a single-family dwelling.

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198 Speeding on Main Street is a problem. If Main Street was paved with cobblestones that would slow things down. Or speed bumps could be installed – painted white – and double as crosswalks.

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200 Would like to see more outdoor recreational facilities for older kids (playgrounds, pool, ice rink, theater). Would also like more walking and jogging trails along the river.

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202 I don't want the village to become congested and crowded (like Tarrytown). We could use a dog run. There is a lot of litter – let's revive “give a hoot – don't pollute”! It would also be nice if events at Haldane (sports, concerts) were more publicized so people without students could attend.

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204 We need community gathering place in the community; a coffee shop (with reasonable hours and attitude); a community pool (so people don't have to join All-Sport); a community playground (serving older kids) and a walkable center for the elderly.

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207 Sidewalks need to be repaired and ramps built leading into the street. Additional ramps need to be built for access to the river via the underpass. Please address the broken wall between 212 and 214 Main Street. It's a safety issue, not just a historic one. Restrooms at the waterfront and Tots Park would help. A baby-changing table at the restrooms at the visitor center would be appreciated. There is plenty of room in there for one!

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211 Create more parking so a Main Street coffee house (for example) could have enough seating to stay in business.

212 Consider carefully the concept/issue of parking. It is odd that people feel there is a parking problem, yet on weekends there are plenty of open spots at Metro North and on Kemble. Do we need a new lot?

213 We really need a community center. Make better use of bandstand – more parades, fireworks, music. It's sad for a town full of musicians and artists that there is no venue for them to perform for the community.

214 It would be great to have a place to see a vintage movie or a live music act or a play without having to drive to Peekskill or Poughkeepsie. And beer should be available there.

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219 I'll help if I can. Call or e-mail me.

220 Always appreciate and preserve the waterfront!

221 skate park!!

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223 *Not valid: Checked as not being a resident.*

224 We need a pedestrian and bike path from Cold Spring to Breakneck, and the speed on 9D should be reduced to 40 mph. There should be a barrier between the road and the path. The current situation is extremely hazardous; if a child is killed on that section of the road the state could be sued for negligence.

225 incentives for historic preservation; encouragement of more walking and bicycling to reduce use of autos; better sidewalks, including reclamation of those usurped by businesses as vehicle “in” and “out” drives (E.G.: Sunoco station); more equitable sharing of tax burdens; more cooperation with other government entities, including discussion of merging Cold Spring and Nelsonville; protection of water resources, including consideration of possible threats from lack of a sewer system in Nelsonville

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228 Cold Spring should encourage professional businesses to relocate here. Businesses should not rely on tourists alone. The economy of Cold Spring village should not be built on homebuilding or tourism; rather, companies whose workers can take the train to work here in professional businesses.

229 Address alternate energy issues across the board. And make it easy for people to have access and understand and use.

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232 Lower water/sewer bills. Lower village taxes. Get mayor out of office. He’s cost us enough money!

233 Wish letters to the editor could be more reasonable – the ones that appear are too contentious to be useful – like children quarreling.

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235 Increase recreation for young or old alike as well as a community center that can accommodate both sectors.

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237 Like I said, we could be a model green village, and this would attract visitors as well. Marathon field could be environmental education center.

238 Provide improved lighting and underground electric on Main Street.

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241 Enforce correct zoning laws. Stop these variances.

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246 Encourage alternative energy like wind and solar panels (even in historic area). Consider alternate uses for village garage area.

247 The waterfront should be more utilized – boat rides would be major bonus, making those of us without boats and visitors feel like we have access to the Hudson. And maybe more places to eat down there.

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249 Would like a modest ice skating rink (frozen water without refrigeration) at the Mayor's Park or Marathon battery when weather permits. Allow more outdoor tables at village eateries.

250 Would love to see a film and arts center and perhaps film, book, arts festival.

251 a natural ice-skating rink in cold weather – no pipes, just frozen water

252 crosswalks, parking allowed only on one side of the streets. Enforce dog ordinance – leash and clean up.

253 Crosswalks needed in downtown area. Enforce speeding law in downtown area. Control motorcycle noise.

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255 Control ownership so that one person or conglomeration does not own all and then control our future.

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257 Encourage tourism i.e. day trips from Manhattan. Advertise in Village Voice, NYT, Manhattan Cable; "just 70 minutes from Grand Central!" (but a world away).

258 Encourage more day trippers from NYC by advertising in NYC media, e.g. Village Voice, the New York Times, Manhattan Cable.

259 perhaps a "fenced in" dog park

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267 The town government needs some ethical guidelines and a movement/training in quality management. The citizens are the customers of the government. I have often been disappointed in my dealings with town employees (I've also been impressed). Transparency is truly important – and ethics. People should not sit on boards that they generate business from. Jobs should be posted. All boards should have guidelines.

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270 There are village codes written that are completely overlooked (such as dumpsters out in the open). I would make sure that fines were written for offenders. The codes are there for a reason and no one is above these laws. Enforcement is the only way things will improve.

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273 park entrance trash receptacle at Little Stony Point (and collection); village recycling receptacles for public; village ordinance for protection of mature trees (i.e. no removal without permit)

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275 Let's not change too much.

276 parking, better coordination of shows in village

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278 Would like to see the area behind Riverview turned into public space.

279 Community pool would be great.

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283 This survey is a great idea – thanks!

284 Need community pool. Need YMCA with gym facility.

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288 Keep expanding the school facilities. What happened to the track/new stadium?

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291 Sorry about the writing. I'm in a hurry. All elections must accommodate commuters. [Also]: green forward looking example planning

292 Code needs revised. Boards need clearer protocol and hierarchy.

293 The school needs a track and stadium. School facilities would benefit the entire community. Fix the building codes – don't force all construction to be a variance.

294 I think the master plan is very serious and I hope all opinions are taken into consideration and all POV are represented in overall plan.

295 Occasional street sweeper (not a person) would be nice; snow removal on Main Street given as much importance as residential areas.

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297 Dog park for the dogs! Let's not change just for change sake. Bury all utility lines, they're ugly.

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300 I will drop a letter about ideas.

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302 Focus on preserving and enhancing natural beauty, open spaces, existing structures, rather than adding more. Infrastructure i.e. small roads, one ways, etc., aren't equipped for increased development; no sidewalks in some areas.

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307 There is no mention of the Farmers Market which is a wonderful addition to our community. How about community garden areas?

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309 Plan for the benefit of village residents, not for the tourists, who leave by 6 p.m. Sunday.

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313 Plan for creative ways to allow for solar and wind power. Expand recycling to include mixed paper. Preserve trees on streets in village and surroundings (village code to protect mature trees).

314 Redo sidewalks Mountain Avenue. Plant trees in cemetery near Haldane. Plant trees in Foodtown parking lot.

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317 Limit use of cars. Encourage bikes, green cars; high density near train, no growth area/ from it.

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319 One vision of Cold Spring is of an energy efficient, child friendly, arts educating town with a Main Street economy that can be supported by residents as well as tourists. We will also do whatever we can to make our schools even better without putting a burden on aging taxpayers. And we support counting seniors' volunteer time to offset taxes. Many seniors put in time with the schools, fire department, etc. We support tax relief for longtime residents.

320 Get the boards in line with each other so that smart, sensible, architecturally consistent, eco-friendly development can take place in a non-adversarial way.

321 Also need to preserve open space-woodlands.

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326 Police are nasty. Speed traps on 9D are obnoxious – put up stop signs. Have town hall open on Saturdays – either limited hours (9-12) or one Saturday per month.

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329 Foodtown mall needs updating or should look more Victorian, have more character (like Talbots mall on 9).

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331 I love living here in my retirement years.

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