

COLD SPRING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/LWRP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES WORKING GROUP STAKEHOLDER MEETING, 9/4/08

A stakeholder meeting led by the Community Resources Working Group was held on Thursday, September 4, 2008, at the Cold Spring Firehouse.

There were 24 people signed in on the attendance sheet including people identifying themselves as from Scenic Hudson, the Historical Society, Little Stony Point Citizen's Assoc., Building Bridges Building Boats, Waterfront vs. Greencore, Farmers Market, Highlands Garden Club, Chapel of Our Lady Restoration, Haldane School, Haldane PTA, the Village Board, the WOS and GIPS Working Groups, and the CR Working Group.

Working Group Leader Marie Early led the presentation and discussion of priorities. The resulting SWOT is copied below showing number of votes and resulting rankings from the meeting and items identified as S, W, O, T (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats).

Rank	Vote s	SWOT	Comments
		<i>EDUCATION - No votes were taken</i>	
		Educational Institutions	
		Parochial School	
		Additional Community Outreach	
	S	Use of Haldane Facilities/Resources - School currently rents space to organizations	
	O, T	School is considering an electronic sign to advertise school events to the public. School is going to increase public relations with the community and senior citizens. School is also looking at increased promotion of events, possibly a community bulletin board.	Would be valuable to explore consolidation theories for Garrison/Haldane as a way of providing more for the community
		<i>RECREATION</i>	
3	O	Community swimming pool - of note, the Town of Philipstown (as part of its Master Plan) is planning an indoor pool at the Garrison facility	St. Basil's has an indoor pool, status or condition unknown
4	O, T	Play Park/Skate Park/Older Kids Playground	
1	S	Winter Tots Park - Philipstown Recreation provides a winter tots program	Can Philipstown Recreation expand opportunities within Village limits?

4	13	O, T	Docks at the waterfront	Possibly in conjunction with Dockside rehab?
		T	Additional types of boat access at park near train station (motorized) - T (proximity to Chapel)	
	2	O, T	Large boat access at Main Street dock - T (where will they dock, will they block views, how long will they dock)	Economic Development WG has discussed this with Boat Club; research ongoing
	10	O, T	Passenger boats to West Point and Newburgh - T (where will they dock, will they block views, how long will they dock)	
1	18	O, T	Bike Paths (O - but this may not be within our purview (Village)) (T - may take away homeowner's land)	
		O	Bike Racks (locations - FoodTown, by Visitor's Center?)	Means of transportation worth reviewing. City of Portland, OR a leader in the US. Interesting website to look at. Federal Grants for energy savings, etc., may be available.
2	15	O, T	Safe walkways/bicycle paths along Route 9D (and to Little Stony Point) Availability of land, cost of construction and maintenance, it may bypass Main St. merchants.	Not feasible w/o State or Federal major support
			Beaches (Cost of legally permitting swimming)	
		O, T	Open Little Stony Point for swimming (Cost of legally permitting swimming)	Could review Croton Point Park swimming guidelines for further ideas
			Riverfront benches/parks/beach for Village residents only (cost of legally permitting swimming, "resident only" may not be legal, eliteist	Waterway potentially could have legal issues, i.e, Greenwich CT case w/beaches/etc.
5	11	O, T	River Walk	
		O	Bowling	
		O	Ice skating rink	Possibly an open-sided structure as at Mohonk, Bear Mt. Need to be done through Philipstown Rec.

			S, O, W O	More Community Events Bait & Tackle Shop	Formation of a Village Community Foundation could ease this in and be non-taxpayer funded
3	14		O,T S, O	Storage near the river for small, non-motorized boats - T= visual, security Links & Signage to existing trails	Lease to a commercial operator with % back to Village as an option
CULTURE					
			S, O, W	More Frequent Outdoor Concerts - W = parking	See "More Community Events". Also, Rec. Dept. and Library could play a greater role
HEALTH/WELLNESS - Maybe a letter to Hudson Valley Hospital/Butterfield facility making them aware of this input.					
			S, O	Another Pediatrician Locally	
1	Unanimous		S, O	Urgent Care Facility	
2	3		S, O	Nursing Home	
3	2		S, O	Eye Doctor	Density of population to support it
4	1		S, O	Therapy (Physical and Psychiatric) and more available appointments	
			S, O	Birthing Center	
			S, O	Fitness and Wellness Programs	Small boutique fitness space is doable, need right operator
			S, O	Holistic Doctor	
COMMUNITY SERVICE					
3	11		O, T	Community Center - maybe a joint venture will make this more doable	

					Maybe start with a Youth Community Advisory Board and include parishes, school, rec and youth groups/teams/etc.
	7	S, O, T	Tweens/Teen Center (available until 10pm daily, 7 days a week) - programs are currently available at the Philipstown Rec Center; the issues here are facilities, location, activities, supervision		
	7	O, T	Dog Park - T = location, maintenance, cost, noise (this is more of a meeting place than an opportunity to let dogs run)		
2	12	S, O, T	1) Handicap sidewalk ramps 2) Handicap & stroller access to buildings, the riverfront (elevator?)		Include as part of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Village (5 year)
	6	O, T	Sidewalk improvements (including repairs to sidewalk slabs with different heights) T=cost		
	7	S, O, T	Public restrooms at the waterfront (including additional facilities especially weekends, concerts, etc.)		Can get some nice compost type PortaJohns & fund through local BID or Chamber
4	11	O, T	More waterfront access/views (area occupied by Village garage should become a park) - cost, and do we really need another park?		Personal note - we have lots of parks per capita
		O, T	More waterfront access/views (sewage treatment plant) - do we need another park?		
	1	O, T	Trash can/bags (for dog poop) at entrance to Foundry Marsh (T - who would be responsible for emptying the garbage?) Maybe locate this at Kemble Ave. then the village could empty the trash		
1	14	O, T	More public transportation (from southern to northern Putnam County allowing links to Dutchess and/or Westchester County public transportation which would allow transport to the malls) Bus service to the malls (combined with previous item)		Is GIPS addressing this?
		Done	Crosswalk on Chestnut Street – Foodtown Trolley to take hikers to trailhead Trolley/bus to Recreation Department in Garrison		
5	10	O	The prior 2 items were combined to be 'More practical routes for the trolley (e.g., to Constitution Island, to/from Boscobel for evening concerts, etc.)'. It was pointed out that the Shakespeare Festival has a van that picks up and delivers from the Cold Spring train station when there are scheduled plays.		GIPS was going to review the federal homeland security grant that purchased the trolley for possible wiggle room
	1	O	Community Garden - Maybe at the Sewage Treatment Plant?		Is Village addressing a tree farm concept there?

			Recycling center for drop off - T = location? And potential for unwanted garbage (sofas, fridges, etc.) to accumulate	Expand the Town Landfill offering and promote it better
		O, T		
4		O, T	Restroom at the Tot Park - T = Cost; maybe combine with School/Little League need	
3		O, T	Baby changing table at the restroom at the Visitor Center (needed in both restrooms). T = Vandalism	Not expensive
5		O, T	Crosswalks on Main Street T = elimination of parking spaces? A significant comment - any crosswalk in the Village needs enforcement by the police - cars just do not stop	How to decide where they go?
		O	Hazardous materials drop off -- Isn't this currently available at Philipstown landfill?	
		O, T	More containers for recyclable materials on the streets T = Cost	
<i>COMMERCIAL SERVICES - A letter to/conversation with the Chamber of Commerce would be a good idea</i>				
3		O	Coffee House/Coffee House with music (Whistlin' Willie's, Silver Spoon, The Depot already have nights with music)	
		O	Internet Café (one existed but closed; however, wi-fi is largely available and Butterfield Library has internet service)	
1	12	O	Theatre (Movies, Plays, Performing Arts) - including afternoon performances (Garrison Depot and Library have movies, plays, performing arts)	
	1	O	Movie Rentals (community had 2 movie rental shops; both went out of business) (Library has free movie service including MHLS)	
	3	O	General Department Store	
		O	Variety/Clothing Store	
		O	Sporting Goods Store (Hudson Valley Outfitters provides some)	
	2	O	General Meeting Space (available for rental) (Firehouse, St.Mary's, Our Lady of Loretto, Library rent their spaces)	Possible expansion of Library some day, use of school facilities? Relocate Highway Department site and land lease the site for revenue and add an occupancy tax. Provide some incentive for Village to be more pro-active in community
2	12	O	More Overnight Accommodations (B&B, Motel, Hotel)	

			General Office Products/Stationery Store (Drug World has some supplies)	
	1	O	Art Supplies	
	3	O	Shoe Repair	
		O	Butcher	
	1	O	Fish Store	
5	4	O	General Health Club	Population density may not support
4	8	O	Laundromat (There have been some in the past; currently in Beacon and Fishkill)	
	3	O	More food options (ranging from gourmet, specialty, low cost)	
		O	Retail/services with extended hours (later, more hours)	
		O	Products/Services more focused on residents' needs	
		O	Shopping Center	Parking issues would still need to be re-explored, area not conducive for that type of traffic flow. Chestnut St. has become the local 'mall'.
		O	Food store on Main Street	
	1	O	Greengrocer/Health Food Store (a Health Food store did exist in the village)	
	3	O	Tailor - Repair and Alterations	Have Grand Cleaners expand offerings?
3	11	O	Affordable Housing (Location?)	
	2	O	Restaurant with river views	
	1	O	Ethnic restaurants	
		O, T	Video arcade (T - Loitering)	Tie into Youth Advisory Board concept
		O	Sandwich shop (Cold Spring Pizza, Foundry Café, Main Course, Cold Spring Café all currently provide this service)	
		O	News stand (Newspapers can be purchased in a number of local stores)	
		O	Specialty Gardening Supplies (2 gardening shops are on Route 9, 1 is on Route 9D)	
		O	Delivery of restaurant food (Angelina and Cold Spring Pizza deliver; almost all restaurants off take out)	
		O	Barbershop (all salons in the village provide men's haircuts)	
		O	Office space (currently available)	

1	O	Grocery store at train station (maybe like the kiosk at the Beacon train station)	
1	O	Fabric/crafts store	Population density may not support
	O	Dollar Store	
2	O	Diner	Cold Spring Café could serve that function with a different operating philosophy
	O	Financial Services (currently available)	
	O	Music Store (record store closed)	Population density may not support
	O	Tack Shop	Population density may not support
	O, T	Weekend nightlife (T - noise, commotion)	
3	O	More diversification in shops	The community would have to patronize these shops to ensure they remain viable A lot of different things can be done with a more aggressive business community and possibly a greater role by Village in economic development. Minimal funds would be required from the Village while using its influence.
	O	Groceries/food accessible to boats	

NOTES:

The first column indicates the ranking, the second column indicates the number of votes.

The third column:

Rows in Arial/red indicate a change or addition from the original spreadsheet, based on input we received.

Rows with strikethroughs again indicate deletions based on last night's input.

Rows in Arial at the end of each category indicate additional topics from the meeting.