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Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday April 27, 2022 via Videoconference as per Chapter 1 of the NY State Local Laws of 2022. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Tweeps Phillips Woods, Cathryn Fadde and Eliza Starbuck. Trustee Joe Curto was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

K. Foley thanked everyone for being present. K. Foley noted the Meeting tonight would include a Presentation, Public Comment on the Presentation and then move on to other scheduled Agenda topics, followed by Board Business.

Presentation: Granicus Short-Term Rental Monitoring, Compliance and Enforcement Software

K. Foley welcomed Kester Bonsu from Granicus, a Short-Term Rental Monitoring, Compliance and Enforcement Software company. K. Foley stated the Board believes the software is a tool the Village can utilize and has been included in the FY 2022-23 Budget.

K. Bonsu thanked everyone the Board for the opportunity to talk about host compliance and the role of it can play in driving appropriate short-term rentals (STRs) compliance. A PowerPoint presentation was shared with participants.

K. Bonsu stated that over the course of the last few years, STRs have increased exponentially since their inception in 2011, while hotel occupancy has declined sharply. The growth of STRs in local communities since COVID has caused friction in smaller communities unprepared for this growth. Although the existence of STRs encourages tourism and travel, and can provide a valuable asset to the community, the rentals become problematic for long term or permanent residents within the community, when the growth of STRs is not matched by regulation. Available data shows only ten percent (10 %) of STR providers comply with local ordinances.

K. Bonsu described some common problems for a community with STRs that are not appropriately managed:

- Lost economic opportunities;
- Diminished neighborhood character caused by actions of poor STR guests or hosts;

- Impact on housing affordability – individual investors realizing a 20% to 30% increase in revenue by opening a STR as opposed to long term rental;
- Wasted time and money for the community.

K. Bonsu noted that the Village has made efforts to have better interactions with STR community but the ideal goal is to maximize compliance and facilitate Code enforcement. Having separate platforms for STRs, VRBOs etc. makes it time consuming and difficult to identify the rentals and monitor compliance. K. Bonsu reported that based upon the last scan, there are thirty-five (35) active STRs in the community. The Host Compliance products are meant to address the most common issues surrounding STRs from either resident or municipal management perspective as it relates to STRs.

Using the below listed Program tools provides the ability to better identify STR addresses, track properties as they come online, provide compliance information to STR providers, and encourages general compliance:

- Compliance monitoring;
- Permitting and Registration;
- Tax Collection;
- Rental Activity;
- Consulting Services;
- 24/7 Hotline for residents to report and resolve STR incidents in real time.

K. Bonsu invited questions and/or comments from the Board or community members.

Board Comment

K. Foley thanked Trustees Starbuck and Fadde for bringing this forward to the Board as a concept. K. Foley confirmed with K. Bonsu that the program has been adopted by Dutchess County, but not Putnam County.

E. Starbuck asked K. Bonsu to expand on how addresses are assigned and verified. K. Bonsu described the algorithm and data bases utilized in the process. The results populate the dashboards utilized and are updated on a regular basis. The Village could maintain all STR activity at that address, as well as aggregate data for all properties on the system, providing information on the STR - how it is listed (owner occupied, vacant) and whether or not the listing is compliant with Village practices.

K. Foley commented that this would be a tremendous improvement over the manual management currently used by the Village. She further noted that implementation of the program will provide the Village with baseline data that could be used in changing or updating the current Code.

K. Foley asked about the price structure. K. Bonsu stated the price is fixed for one year and based upon number of units identified in the initial search.

- Address identification = \$2,500.00 annually
- 24/7 hotline = \$600.00 annually
- Compliance monitoring = \$1,200. annually

Public Comment

Phil Heffernan commented that the program seems premature, expensive, offensive and intrusive. Granicus was developed for metropolitan areas not for a smaller community.

K. Bonsu noted that Granicus services both large and small municipalities. K. Bonsu reiterated data showing only 10% of STR providers voluntarily comply with ordinances. This leaves the local government to do the work of filling the gap to achieve 100% compliance.

T. Woods confirmed with K. Bonsu that all information to be gathered on STRs is public information, accessible to anyone conducting a search of public records.

K. Foley thanked K. Bonsu for his Presentation to the Board. Trustees Fadde and Starbuck will stay in touch with K. Bonsu as the primary contacts. K. Foley noted the next step would be for the Board to take a vote to acquire the software.

K. Foley further noted that the Board is preparing a draft of revisions to the Code re: STRs, which will be provided to the public and will be subject to a public hearing.

Opportunity to Request Vote to Add/Modify Agenda Items

At K. Foley's request, order of Agenda Items #9 and #10 were switched without objection.

Announcements

K. Foley noted Trustee Curto was not present but prepared a statement regarding the Village budget and will be read into the record (see attached).

K. Foley noted yard waste pick up is scheduled for 4/28 and must be in paper bags. Sticks should be bundled into two-foot lengths. In response to voiced concerns, K. Foley clarified that yard waste and garbage are picked up together but are separated at the Royal Carting transfer station.

Regarding garbage and recycling containers, size swaps and non-deliveries are being addressed and resolved.

Resolutions 8, 9 & 10 of 2022 Adopting FY 2022-23 Budgets

Resolution 08-2022 General Fund Budget (attached) was offered for adoption by T. Woods and seconded by C. Fadde. Statement prepared by Trustee Joe Curto (absent) in favor of the FY 2022-2023 was read into the record by K. Foley (see attached). Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Resolution 09-2022 Water Fund Budget (attached) was offered by C. Fadde for adoption and seconded by E. Starbuck. Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Resolution 10-2022 Sewer Fund Budget (attached) was offered for adoption by E. Starbuck and seconded by C. Fadde. Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreements with:

- a) *Cold Spring Film Society*. K. Foley noted tentative dates for film viewing at Dockside are June 25, July 9, July 23 August 6, and August 20. The Village provides liability insurance. E. Starbuck

made a motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by C. Fadde and passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

- b) *Town of Philipstown for Code Enforcement Services*. K. Foley noted that Philipstown CEO Greg Wunner has been providing Building Inspector and Code Enforcement support for the Village following the resignation of Charlotte Mountain. The Philipstown Town Board approved the intermunicipal agreement on April 20, 2022 and it will operate on a month-by-month basis. C. Fadde made a motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Agreement. The motion was seconded by E. Starbuck and passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).
- c) *Munistat (Bond Issuance)*. T. Woods made a motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Annual Agreement. The motion was seconded by E. Starbuck and passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).
- d) *EFPR Group (Auditors)*. T. Woods made a motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Engagement Agreement. The motion was seconded by C. Fadde and passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

K. Foley noted all Agreements are available for viewing on the Village website.

Approve Hiring of T. Hopper as P/T Laborer at a rate of \$19/hour

T. Hopper has been engaged by the Village for restroom maintenance Visitors Center, twice on Saturdays and midday on Sundays, permitting the bathrooms to be open seven (7) days a week. K. Foley made a motion to hire T. Hopper for the position. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Resolution 11-2022 Approving Parking Agreement for 40 Main Street (attached). The Resolution was offered for adoption by E. Starbuck and seconded by C. Fadde.

K. Foley noted the Parking Agreement (attached to the Resolution) is part of the process that began with the prior Administration. K. Foley stated that the Parking Agreement allows the Village to monetize and create revenue from an under-utilized space (Fair Street parking lot and Mayor's Park). The increased revenue of \$25,000.00 per year represents a significant bump to offset impacts, and benefit to the Village from people working and spending on Main Street. K. Foley commended the former Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco for the creative initial proposal and fine planning.

Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

K. Foley noted this is not an exclusive agreement. The property owner can use these spaces if they are available. The public is not excluded from these spaces and parking placards will be issued. The Parking Agreement will now return to the Planning Board for consideration as a part of their final site plan deliberations.

Resolution 13-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Execute Transfer of Property Documents (attached) in connection with a Settlement Agreement previously approved by the Board of Trustees on July 6, 2021, arising out of a lawsuit filed by William P. McComish, captioned *William P. McComish v Al Zgolinski, et al.* (United States District Court for the S.D.N.Y., Case No. 7:21-cv-00491).

K. Foley stated that the previous Board of Trustees agreed to sell a small triangular piece of property at 29-31 Rock Street to Mr. McComish. Paperwork to close out the matter was not put forth by the Village Attorney and needed to be completed.

K. Foley made a motion to declare the Board of Trustees to be the Lead Agency under SEQRA. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

K. Foley conducted a SEQRA review using the Short Form EAF:

- Part I - Project Description completed by Village Attorney and read into the record;
- Part 2 - Impact Assessment questions 1-11 read into the record and answered “No.”
- Part 3 - Determination of Significance.
 - Upon those findings, the Board determined there is no
 - adverse impact, K. Foley proposed that this is an “unlisted action” under SEQRA. C. Fadde seconded that proposal and it passed 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).
 - K. Foley proposed the Board of Trustees make a Negative Declaration of impact. C. Fadde seconded the proposal and it passed 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Resolution 13-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Execute Transfer of Property Documents was offered for adoption by T. Woods and seconded by C. Fadde. Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Resolution 12-2022 Request to the MTA for the Continued Closure of the Breakneck Mountain Trailhead Train Stop (attached) was offered for adoption by K. Foley and seconded by T. Woods.

K. Foley stated that the Board, as a show of concern and support for first responders who are repeatedly addressing rescues on the mountain, to request by Resolution, that Metro-North continue the closure of the Breakneck Mountain Trailhead Train Stop until the end of May, until more infrastructure is in place to accept more people at that stop. The Board recognizes that this will result in more people walking from Cold Spring to the Trailhead. K. Foley noted that the Town Board of Philipstown passed a similar Resolution last week. A meeting will be held on May 2, 2002 to discuss State staffing of the trail. The Resolution has the support of the Village Fire Company and the Village Officer- in-Charge.

Upon roll call vote, the resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Request for Community Day Volunteers & Approve Taking Out Ads in PCNR & The Current

Jill Golden and Kathy Lim have agreed to volunteer for Community Day. The Board approved advertising in the PCNR and the Current seeking volunteers for the Community Day event.

Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Police Reform

K. Foley reported that Chairman Ed Curley has stepped down. Committee Member Victor Burgos has agreed to step in as Chair. The Committee is reviewing community surveys and preparing

recommendations for the Trustees and also working their way through draft policies that OIC Larry Burke has prepared. Committee's goal is to provide recommendations by the end of June and will notify the Board if the timeline requires amendment. In response to E. Starbuck's question, K. Foley stated the Committee is doing survey recommendations and does not know how the Committee will break up survey recommendations. E. Starbuck stated she preferred that smaller chunks of information along the way would be more helpful. K. Foley agreed.

Approve Request by Montessori School to Use Bandstand (April 29, 2022) (attached)

K. Foley noted the activities are to celebrate Earth Day from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. K. Foley made a motion to waive the fees. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent).

Public Comment

M. Francisco asked for clarification of the \$25,000 annual fee was calculated. He remarked that it was sixty percent (60%) below the meter rate. K. Foley replied that the parties began with a straight hourly rate of forty-nine thousand (\$49,000) dollars. VBOT looked at a twenty percent (20%) discount. Middle round reached was \$25,000. M. Francisco calculated the amount as sixty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$62,400.00) for 20 (twenty) spaces for four (4) days for fifty-two (52) weeks. K. Foley stated that comparables were done with (1) the monthly rate for the lot on Main Street for Ming Moon, and (2) comparables for Hudson House, though recognizing that the spaces for Hudson House are further down Main Street than Ming Moon.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto absent). Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Herbert

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk

Date

RESOLUTION 08-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A resolution adopting a General Fund budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2022 and ending on May 31, 2023, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Tweep's Phillips Woods for adoption and seconded by Trustee Cathryn Fadde, to wit:

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative General Fund budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative General Fund budget, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth in the amount \$2,846,538, is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Tentative" in the tentative General Fund budget, but hereafter referred to as "Adopted", in Schedule A, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative General Fund budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein, effective Wednesday, April 27, 2022; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative Fireman's Service Award Tax Levy, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth, in the amount of \$35,000, is hereby adopted and the amounts stated are hereby appropriated for the object and purpose specified, and are hereby fixed at the amount shown therein, effective Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joe Curto voting	Absent
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voting	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting	Aye
Trustee Tweep's Phillips Woods voting	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting	Aye

Resolution 08-2022 officially adopted on April 27, 2022 by a vote of 4-0-0-1.

RESOLUTION 09-2022 WATER FUND BUDGET

A resolution adopting a Water Fund budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2022 and ending on May 31, 2023, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Cathryn Fadde for adoption and seconded by Trustee Eliza Starbuck, to wit:

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative Water Fund budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative Water Fund budget as hereinafter set forth, in the amount of \$836,171 is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled

“Tentative” in the tentative Water Fund budget, but hereafter referred to as “Adopted”, in Schedule F, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative Water Fund budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joe Curto voting	Absent
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voting	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting	Aye
Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voting	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting	Aye

Resolution 09-2022 officially adopted on April 27, 2022 by a vote of 4-0-0-1.

RESOLUTION 10-2022 SEWER FUND BUDGET

A resolution adopting a Sewer Fund budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2022 and ending on May 31, 2023, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Eliza Starbuck for adoption and seconded by Trustee Cathryn Fadde, to wit:

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative Sewer Fund budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative Sewer Fund budget, as hereinafter set forth in the amount of \$609,759 is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled “Tentative” in the tentative Sewer Fund budget, but hereafter referred to as “Adopted”, in Schedule G are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative Sewer Fund budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective Tuesday, April 27, 2022.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joe Curto voting	Absent
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voting	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting	Aye
Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voting	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting	Aye

Resolution 10-2022 officially adopted on April 27, 2022 by a vote of 4-0-0-1.

Resolution No.: 11 of 2022

THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

Roll Call Vote				
Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Kathleen E. Foley	X			
<i>Deputy Mayor</i> Tweeps Phillips Woods	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Eliza Starbuck	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Cathryn Fadde	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Joe Curto				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

The following was presented

By: Trustee Eliza Starbuck

Seconded by: Trustee Cathryn Fadde

Date of Adoption: April 27, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A PARKING EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 40 MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, 40 Main Street CS, LLC (the “Applicant”) owns property located at 40 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York with a Putnam County tax map identification number of Section 48.12, Lot 2, Block 4 (the “Property”), which is located in the Village’s B-1 zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant applied to the Village of Cold Spring Planning Board for site plan approval to convert the Property from a retail use, to a mixed-use consisting primarily of office space with some retail remaining; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution #88-2021 the Village of Cold Spring, Board of Trustees (“VBOT”) approved a payment of fees in lieu of providing off-street parking resulting from the change of use at 40 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #88-2021, as part of potentially granting the parking waiver under Section 134-18.E(7) of the Village’s Zoning Code for the thirty (37) off-street parking spaces required for the office aspect of the project, the VBOT would consider a parking easement agreement with the Applicant, wherein the Applicant will agree to pay a per-space fee to the Village for use of the Fair Street/Mayor’s Park municipal parking lots during the days on Monday to Thursday; and

WHEREAS, the VBOT’s decision on potentially applying the waiver provision for the off-street parking spaces related to the proposed office use was contingent on negotiating a parking easement agreement between the VBOT and the Applicant; and

WHEREAS, the VBOT and the Applicant have negotiated such an agreement, which agreement is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Parking Easement Agreement, in substantially the same form as the attached agreement, subject to the review and approval as to form and content by the Attorney for the Village.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING, NEW YORK

Jeffrey Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date

Resolution No.: 13 of 2022

THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

Names	Roll Call Vote			
	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Kathleen E. Foley	X			
<i>Deputy Mayor</i> Tweeps Phillips Woods	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Eliza Starbuck	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Cathryn Fadde	X			
<i>Trustee</i> Joe Curto				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

The following was presented

By: Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods

Seconded by: Trustee Cathryn Fadde

Date of Adoption: April 27, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A DEED PURSUANT TO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

WHEREAS, The Village of Cold Spring and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring, et al. was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by William P. McComish, which is captioned *William P. McComish v. Al Zgolinski, et al.*, United States District Court for Southern District New York, Case No.: 7: 21-cv-00491; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Cold Spring and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring (the “Village”), reached a settlement with Mr. McComish in which the Village has agreed to transfer certain real property, particularly, the existing parking area, driveway area and other property adjoining land owned by Mr. McComish in exchange for the amount of \$6,247.36 (representing \$4.00 per square foot) among other things (the “Settlement Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Village approved the execution of the Settlement Agreement at its Village Board meeting held on July 6, 2021 (the July 6, 2021 minutes are attached **Exhibit “A”**); and

WHEREAS, the subject land to be conveyed by the Village pursuant to the Settlement Agreement consists of approximately 1,561.8397 square feet (hereinafter the “Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Parcel will limit the Village’s liability exposure and maintenance responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McComish has offered to purchase the Parcel for fair and adequate consideration, which offer price was, at the time of the agreement, supported by the Assessor's fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the Village has declared the Parcel as surplus and it is not needed for any municipal use as the Parcel is not used for highway purposes, and does not serve or is used as sewer or water purposes, has no environmental or recreational or parkland component, and is not used for the administration of fire or police purposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transfer of the Parcel is an action subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the Village Board has determined the transfer of this small parcel is an "Unlisted Action" for which the Village has reviewed and completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the Village Board declares itself the Lead Agency with respect to the SEQRA review of the transfer of the Parcel since there are no other agencies that have authority to approve the sale; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby issues a Negative Declaration (see attached) for this proposed action under SEQRA as this sale will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and an environmental impact statement is NOT required; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the transfer of the Parcel is pursuant to and in the interest of that certain Settlement Agreement; and

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all required deeds and transfer documents to effectuate the transfer and the sale of the Parcel (including but not limited to the deed and necessary transfer documents), subject to the review and approval as to form and content by the Attorney for the Village.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING, NEW YORK**

Dated: April 27, 2022

Jeffrey Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 12-2022
IN SUPPORT OF POSTPONING THE OPENING OF THE BREAKNECK RIDGE STATION

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Kathleen E. Foley for adoption and seconded by Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods, to wit:

WHEREAS, access to Breakneck Mountain and the attendant hiking trails are located partly in the Village of Cold Spring; and

WHEREAS, every year emergency services from the Village of Cold Spring are burdened with providing rescue assistance to persons climbing Breakneck Mountain and using said hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Highland Fjord Trail will soon be under construction and, when completed, will provide a safer alternative for visitors who are unprepared and/or unable to safely ascend Breakneck Mountain and traverse the mountain trails; and

WHEREAS, the Breakneck Ridge station on Metro-North Railroad's Hudson Line is a seasonal train stop (used weekends and holidays) which is a significant entry point for hikers traveling to and from Breakneck Mountain and the local hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, it would greatly alleviate the anticipated annual strain on the Village's emergency services if Metro-North Railroad would postpone opening the Breakneck Ridge train station to the public until the Hudson Highland Fjord Trail is closer to being operational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Cold Spring thanks Metro-North Railroad for agreeing to postpone opening the Breakneck Ridge station to the public until at least late May; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Cold Spring requests that Metro-North Railroad further postpone opening the Breakneck Ridge station to the public until such time as the Hudson Highland Fjord Trail infrastructure at the station and on the trails is at least partially functioning.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joseph Curto Jr. voted:	Absent
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voted:	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voted:	Aye
Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voted:	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Aye

Resolution officially adopted on April 27, 2022 by a vote of 4-0-0-1.

