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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday July 27, 2022 at Village Hall and via videoconference as per Chapter 1 of Local Laws of 2022. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Cathryn Fadde, Eliza Starbuck and Tweeps Phillips Woods. Trustee Laura Bozzi was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Foley.

Announcements

K. Foley announced that Metro North crews will be conducting repair work to platforms overnight during the weekend that may necessitate the closing of one lane of Lunn Terrace to vehicle traffic. Flag crews will be on duty to assist drivers and pedestrians.

Cold Spring Boat Club

Josh Hadden, Cold Spring Boat Club Secretary, presented an overview of the Boat Club to the Board. Key points included:

- 1,000+ visitors to the Village each year by boat through the Boat Club
- Membership is open to all Village residents
 - Varying levels of membership available
 - Membership requires work/volunteering
 - Membership is available to Philipstown residents but they must be sponsored by a current Boat Club member
- Bulkhead repairs could be done by members or outsourced
 - Pros and Cons to each, primarily around cost
 - Estimated cost to repair is \$1,300/linear foot (approximately 1,200-foot section that needs to be repaired)
 - K. Foley inquired as to why there is no breakwater? J. Hadden replied that the drop-off is too steep
- Boat Club has instituted metered parking/docking in 2022 for the first time
 - App based through Parkmobile
 - \$2/ft/hour (par with other river communities)
 - Revenue source to offset costs of new lease
 - Can Cold Spring PD enforce parking at docks?
 - Per Larry Burke, yes it can

Board Comments

- K. Foley asked if the Boat Club would consider sharing parking fee revenue with the Village? J. Hadden stated that the Boat Club would not be interested in such an arrangement. Boat Club would let Village collect/keep any fines.
- C. Fadde commented that the Board will have to look into how it sets a boating related fine schedule
- K. Foley asked if someone can launch a boat if they are not members of the Boat Club? J. Hadden replied that they could for a nominal fee
- T. Woods inquired as to the status of signage as required by the lease agreement? J. Hadden replied that there is signage adjacent to the entrance.

Public Comments

- Richard Dorritie, 32 West Street
 - Lease requires that signage be displayed informing the public that residents can launch
- Mike Turton, Highlands Current, asked if the Boat Club has given consideration to allow kayaks to be launched for a fee? J. Hadden said it has been considered but kayaks can be launched from many places along the river for free and more safely than from the Boat Club.

Community Day

Jill Golden, Angela Ghiozzi and Catherine Lim provided an update on Community Day

- Scheduled for Saturday, September 3 (9/4 Rain Date)
 - Block Party 4:00 – 8:00 pm
 - Main Street from Fair to Church Streets
 - Signs to be posted 3-4 days in advance informing residents/businesses that there will be no parking that day
 - Music at Bandstand starting at 7:30pm
 - Fireworks begin at approximately 8:30 pm
- Putnam County Sherrif Cadets and Putnam County REACT will assist CSPD with traffic control for the event

Board Comments

- E. Starbuck asked how much set up time is needed? J. Golden replied that set up will begin at 1:00pm. Thru traffic on Main Street will be cut-off starting at 3:00pm.
- E. Starbuck asked the committee if it had polled residents on High and Fair Streets as to how they feel about the event? J. Golden commented that they had and the residents expressed concerns about traffic and parking
- C. Fadde thanked the committee for all its hard work

Public Comments

- Kara Mattsen, Putnam History Museum, asked how non-Main Street businesses could participate? K. Foley referred them to the committee to arrange for space.
- Charmaine Choi, 5 Railroad Avenue, expressed concern regarding parking and congestion and asked as to the Village's plan to help alleviate parking the day of the event? K. Foley reiterated that the CSPD officers, Putnam Co Cadets and Putnam Co REACT will be onsite to direct traffic and assist people with these specific needs.
- Nat Prentiss, Chamber of Commerce President, asked the committee to identify the merchants that have expressed concern or spoken out against the event. It was agreed by the Committee and Board not to share that information privately or publicly. He also inquired how to best

communicate benefits to shop owners along the route? J. Golden replied that the committee planned to visit each merchant before the event to address any questions/concerns.

- Erin Murphy, business owner and chair of the Main Street Committee, commented that any merchant hesitation is due to lack of information.
- Mike Turton, Highlands Current, asked if the Board is in favor of the event as presented? K. Foley replied that the Board still needed to discuss and vote on the event.
- E. Starbuck commented that the holiday weekend plus tourism plus Main Street results in concern by the shop owners that this could negatively impact business.
- Fran Farnorotto, owner of The Gift Hut, commented that she supports Community Day but is uncomfortable without further details on the following:
 - Notification to residents above shops on Main Street
 - Access to Main Street after the event
 - Main Street will be open to traffic as soon as it has been cleared
 - Concerned that there will be a lack of “community” due to tourists outnumbering residents
- Erin Murphy commented that the end goal is how to make this work for everyone

Board Discussion

- T. Woods commented that she supports this event and asked if the Labor Day weekend isn't good for this event what weekend is? More visitors shouldn't be a barrier for any business.
- C. Fadde supports the event and working towards addressing the issues raised. She commented that this “Breaks the Seal” on closing Main Street. She suggested for future events that the Village consider alternate dates that could help drive tourism during non-peak periods (i.e., Incorporation Day in April)
- E. Starbuck commented that she was in favor of an alternate non-holiday date for the event
- K. Foley noted that the issues raised could be overcome with communications and that she is in favor of the event.

K. Foley made a motion to move forward with Community Day on September 3, 2022 as presented by the committee. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-1-0-1 (E. Starbuck voted No. L. Bozzi absent).

Board Business

NY Forward

C. Fadde made a motion authorizing the mayor to submit a Letter of Intent that the Village will apply for a NY Forward Grant. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Grant Application request from Assemblymember Galef

K. Foley noted that she had been contacted by Assemblymember Galef's office regarding the availability of a \$250,000 grant for capital projects. Eligible projects include needed repairs to the Wastewater Treatment facility and Village Hall upgrades. E. Starbuck made a motion authorizing the Village to apply for the grant. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Northern Avenue Culvert

K. Foley provided an update on the Northern Avenue culvert. It is need of repairs. The Town of Kent has offered to assist with the work pending the signing of an Iner-Municipal Agreement (IMA) between Kent and Cold Spring. the board agreed unanimously to proceed with preparing an IMA.

Report on Parking and Shuttle Committee for Fjord Trail

L. Bozzi, E. Starbuck and K. Foley attended an informational meeting by the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. E. Starbuck commented that she is not confident the impact on traffic in Cold Spring that will result from this project is being taken seriously.

Request to Purchase Village Owned property at 37 Fair Street

Tabled

Request for Block Party on Church Street

K. Foley made a motion to approve the request by the residents of Church Street to hold a block party on Sunday September 4, 2022. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Non-Ticketed Event at Mayor's Park

K. Foley made a motion to approve the application of R. Quinn for the use of Mayor's Park on 8/13/22 for a birthday party. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Subway Mural

E. Starbuck has been in discussions with a local artist who will lead effort for the design of a mural on the subway wall. Target date is end of September.

Resolution 23-2022 Approving Renewal of General Liability Insurance (attached)

T. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-2022 approving the renewal of general liability insurance policy through the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal at an annual premium of \$111,903.68. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Approval of Minutes

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/27/22 meeting as submitted. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

K. Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/01/22 meeting as modified. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/08/22 meeting as submitted. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0-1-1 (C. Fadde abstained. L. Bozzi absent.)

K. Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/15/22 meeting as submitted. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7/06/22 meeting as submitted. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Approval of Bills

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6540 in the amount of \$9,430.52 (FY 2021-22). T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6539 in the amount of \$217,379.63 (FY 2022-23). T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (L. Bozzi absent).

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

C. Fadde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Prepared by: J. Vidakovich

Jeff Vidakovich

9/15/2022

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date

RESOLUTION #23-2022
APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods for adoption and seconded by trustee Cathryn Fadde, to wit:

WHEREAS, the renewal of the Village of Cold Spring's General Liability Insurance is due August 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal; and

WHEREAS, the Premium for the renewal is \$111,903.68.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Cold Spring renews the General Liability Insurance policy through New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan's documents on behalf of the Village of Cold Spring.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Laura Bozzi:	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 July 27, 2022 by a vote of 4-0-0-1.

Jeff Vidakovich

7/27/2022

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date