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Board of Trustees Workshop
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Village Hall and via Videoconference. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Laura Bozzi, Cathryn Fadde, Eliza Starbuck (via videoconference) and Tweeps Phillips Woods. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foley.

Request to Add/Modify Agenda Items

None

Announcements

None

Board Business

Meeting with Planning Board on 9/28 re: Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT)

K. Foley provided background on the HHFT

- Original Master Plan developed in 2015
- Positive Declaration issued necessitating full Environmental Impact Study (EIS)
 - NYS Parks identified as the lead agency
- Town of Fishkill declared Lead agency for Breakneck Connector Trail and issued Neg Declaration
- New proposed route starts at Dockside Park
- Master Plan revised in 2020
- Village identified only as an Interested Agency for GEIS
 - Limits the Village's ability to impact the project
 - Once EIS is released Village will have 30 days to comment

In preparation for the 9/28 meeting, K. Foley asked the Trustees to read the scoping document and the key topics identified by the Planning Board.

T. Woods expressed her hope that the meeting is more than a rehashing of past meetings and previously expressed concerns with the project

L. Bozzi commented that the Village should engage first responders before the 30-day comment period.

C. Fadde asked if the Zoning Board of Appeals and Historic District Review Board will be at the 9/28 meeting? K. Foley stated they have been invited.

Community Foundation Grant

C. Fadde made a motion to approve applying for a Community Foundation Grant. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Mayor's Park

- The Board tabled discussion on rescinding the issuance of permits allowing dogs to run off a leash within Mayor's Park
- The Board discussed proposed signage at Mayor's Park. Items discussed included:
 - Identifying it as a Community Park
 - Open Year Round
 - Hours of Operation are driven by Code. Any change will necessitate a Code revision
- Further action on signage was tabled

Dockside Park Update

The Dockside Park Sustainable Shoreline Project has been completed. K. Foley walked the Board through the completed project. It was pointed out that the Village is responsible for maintenance of the lawn/grass areas and gravel path as per the agreement signed in 2018.

Discussion on signage at the park was tabled.

Approve Appointment of Leslie Hoellger to Recreation Commission

T. Woods made a motion to approve the appointment of Leslie Hoellger to the Recreation Commission to complete the term of Aaron Leonord (resigned). L. Bozzi seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Discussion on Fence at Riverfront Park

C. Fadde made a motion to remove the fence along West Street at the Riverfront Park. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Main Street Bathrooms

K. Foley provided a summary of the situation:

- The person hired to clean the bathrooms on weekends resigned
- Responsibility for weekend cleaning has fallen to the Roadways and Facilities Department
 - Increases costs as this requires paying overtime
 - Department is already stretched thin and crew needs down time

T. Woods commented that the current situation cannot be maintained and impacts the Village's operating budget.

C. Fadde commented that she is in favor of pursuing a partnership with Main Street Businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to share responsibility of maintaining the bathrooms.

T. Woods made a motion to close the bathrooms on weekends (5:00pm on Fridays – 8:00am on Mondays) starting September 25, 2022 unless (or until) an affordable solution can be found. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Public Comment - none

Adjournment

K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Submitted by: Jeff Vidakovich

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk

Date