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Board of Trustees Workshop
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at Village Hall and via Videoconference. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Laura Bozzi, Cathryn Fadde, Eliza Starbuck and Tweeps Phillips Woods (via videoconference). The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foley.

Note: Video recording did not begin until 7:19pm

Request to Add/Modify Agenda Items

None

Update on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Jessica Stromback, CEO Joule Assets, provided background information and an update on the status of the CCA program.

The CCA agreement allows municipalities to use Home-Rule laws to enable group purchasing of electricity at the local level. Under the previous agreement, Columbia Utilities was the electricity provider selected by Joule. However, after a change in management, COVID and the impact on energy resulting from the Ukraine war, Columbia Utilities opted to end its' contract. There is currently a lawsuit by the impacted municipalities, including Cold Spring, against Columbia Utilities for the early termination. Joule is currently in the process of preparing to re-start the program and solicit bids from energy providers.

K. Foley asked what will be different this time? J. Stromback highlighted the following:

- Tighter guidelines and limited participation in the bidding process
- Joule controls the model
 - Establish fixed rates for shorter periods of time
 - Adds stability and transparency
- Require access to all Energy Company contracts which helps ensure the legitimacy of claims made by a provider

K. Foley asked how this adversely impacted the current agreement? J. Stromback pointed out that Columbia Energy claimed to have Hedge insurance to protect against market fluctuation. However, once the floor fell-out they claimed that they didn't have such protection.

L. Bozzi asked if the Village will be making the same agreements as other municipalities in the CCA? J. Stromback replied that it depends on the model the municipality chooses.

K. Foley asked if the collapse of the Columbia Utility agreement had anything to do with the current Central Hudson billing fiasco? J. Stromback replied that the billing issues are software related and impact every energy consumer regardless of participation in the CCA.

C. Fadde commented that residents in the Village recently received a mailer regarding switching energy providers and asked if Joule had sent them? J. Stromback stated that the mailers were not sent by Joule but instead are from a competitor offering an opt-in program to residents on an individual basis.

L. Bozzi inquired as to the timeframe and process to select a new provider. J. Stromback replied with the following:

- Regulatory 60-day education process
 - Requires two public meetings
- Bidding process after 60-day education period
 - RFPs for competitive bids issued
 - Solicit for two options
 - 2 Year fixed rate
 - Quarterly flexible rate
 - Village Board decides whether or not to participate
 - Second education period begins for consumers
 - 30-day period for customer to opt out

K. Foley asked why the program is opt-out vs opt-in? J. Stromback answered that it provides greater purchasing power. She added the people can opt out of the program at any time.

Per J. Stromback, Joule will provide municipalities with messaging to push out to residents and will also execute a multi-faceted consumer education communication program.

Public Comment

Jim Smith, 162 Main Street, asked if a resident has already selected an individual option will they be eligible to participate? Per J. Stromback, these are individual opt-ins and will not be solicited.

Announcements

K. Foley made the following announcements:

- Thanksgiving schedule for garbage and recycling pick up
 - Garbage: Friday November 25
 - Recycling: Saturday November 26
- Lawn and Leaf pick up is Thursday November 17
- There will be an additional, and final, Lawn and Leaf pick up on Thursday December 8
- Holiday office hours for Thanksgiving are as follows:
 - Thursday 11/24 – Closed
 - Friday 11/25 – Closed
 - Friday 12/23 – Closed
 - Monday 12/26 – Closed
 - Monday 1/2 - Closed
- Hudson Highlands Fjord Trails Charettes will be held on Nov. 20th at Dutchess Manor
- Saks Metering is in the Village replacing endpoints and encourages all residents to allow Saks do its work
- The shoreline at Dockside Park is a natural shoreline. Debris will wash up but the important thing is that now the shoreline is stable.

Update on Parking Plan

K. Foley prefaced the discussion by reminding everyone that this is a workshop and that the plan being presented by Eliza Starbuck is a draft plan. A final plan will be presented to the public at a later date.

E. Starbuck stated that the plan addresses three primary areas – revenue, signage and safety. Key points to keep in mind included:

- Requirements for crosswalks will eliminate 20 spaces on Main Street
- Reinstating 15-minute parking spaces which will add a buffer at intersections
- Hydrant standards need to be met
- Move Stop signs to optimize sight lines
- Goal is to make it easier for 1) everyone to follow the rules and 2) the Police Department to enforce the rules

The recommendations presented by E. Starbuck included:

- Making Fair Street metered and One-Way on Saturdays
 - Will add 13 revenue generating parking spaces on Saturdays
- Main Street to be metered from 10AM – 5PM
 - Mirrors hours of Residential Parking Program
 - K. Foley asked why start at 10AM and not 9AM? Per E. Starbuck, 10AM was picked out of consideration for Main Street residents.
- Additional considerations for metered parking include:
 - Seasonal vs Year-round metering
 - 7 days a week vs. weekends and holidays only
 - L. Bozzi noted that app-based metering could allow for flexibility in setting rates and hours but added that signage would need to address changing regulations
 - Different Rates for 15-minute parking spots
 - Different tiers for side streets
- Revenue projections are based on maximum opportunity (every available spot being occupied for every available minute)
- Cost for a Residential Parking Permit needs to be established. Previous Board recommended \$10 per permit. The Board agreed that \$10 seems too low and supported a higher amount.

Jack Goldstein, former Chair of the Parking Committee, noted that the Committee recommended that 30% of available spots in the Residential Parking District be unmetered to meet the needs of Main Street residents not qualifying the Residential Parking Program. Regarding Park Mobile, the current app-based metering provider, J. Goldstein cautioned that the application is not so flexible as to enable “on demand” changes to rates and hours.

The Board identified the following as next steps:

- E. Starbuck to work with accountant on revisions to revenue and income projections
- Establish budget for signs
 - Inventory of existing signs
 - Sub-contract for pole installation?
 - Follow up with Park Mobile on ability to program for flexible rates and hours
- Establish parking regulations
 - Days and Hours
 - Rates
 - Seasonality or Year-round

Public Comment

- Bo Bell, 50 Main Street, commented that the original Parking Committee did not include any Main Street residents and thus the needs of this segment were not represented. He also requested that Board not include weekdays in any programs as this will create an additional hardship for Main Street residents
- Jim Smith, 162 Main Street, asked if residents of Upper Main Street will be eligible for Residential Parking Permits? K. Foley responded that they would not under the existing code and legislation.

Board Business

C. Fadde made a motion allowing the Village to apply for a grant for body worn cameras for Police Officers. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0 (T. Woods via videoconference)

Resolution 33-2022 Authorizing the Village Attorney to Conduct SEQRA Training (attached)

L. Bozzi made a motion to adopt Resolution 33-2022 authorizing the Village Attorney to conduct SEQRA training counting towards one hour of required training time for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeal members. C. Fadde seconded the motion and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of 5-0-0-0 (T. Woods via videoconference)

Approval of Minutes

K. Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/21/22 meeting as submitted. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0 (T. Woods via videoconference).

Approval of Bills

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6717 in the amount of \$104,250.49. L. Bozzi seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0 (T. Woods via videoconference).

Public Comment

Mike Turton, Highlands Current, noted that crosswalks are marked inconsistently throughout the Village and singled out the Main Street intersections at Garden Street and Church Street as examples. He recommended the Village do away with the crosswalks or add signage for motorists.

Adjournment

K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Submitted by: Jeff Vidakovich

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk

Date

**RESOLUTION 33-2022 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF CATANIA, MAHON & RIDER, PLLC, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
TRAINING TO THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Village Law Section 7-718(7-a) and 7-712(7-a), each member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals shall complete a minimum of four (4) hours of training each year designed to enable the board members to more effectively carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, according to New York State Village Law Section 7-718(7-a) and 7-712(7-a) such training shall be approved by the Village Board and may include not only training provided by the county, a local college or other regional planning/municipal organization, but it can also include training provided by the Village itself; and

WHEREAS, board members have specifically requested training with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, it would be most effective to have the Village Attorney provide the necessary training; and

WHEREAS, Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC, is an experienced land use, zoning and municipal law firm that represents numerous municipal boards throughout the Hudson Valley and its attorneys have provided similar training for other boards; and

WHEREAS, Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC, will prepare a more detailed outline for the boards which focuses on some SEQRA issues; it will generally cover topics the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals deals with more often, like which decisions are subject to SEQRA, classifications of an action (Type I, Type II, Unlisted), segmentation, coordinated review and taking the "hard look" for a Negative Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the law firm of Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC, to provide the necessary training to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members with this training session which will constitute approximately 1-2 hours of credit, towards the 4-hour yearly requirement.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Laura Bozzi voted:	Aye
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 November 16, 2023 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.