

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516**

**Trustees Monthly Meeting
5-12-2020**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In a written report for the month of April 2020 it was noted that:

- There were 45 calls for service
- There were 13 tickets issued
- There was one arrest

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recreation Commission

None

Planning Board

None

Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA reported there was no new business before them. In old business, a public hearing for an application by 192 Main St. was held on March 5. Variances were approved for the addition to the house but the public hearing remains open for the accessory building.

Historic District Review Board

None

Cold Spring Fire Company

During the month of April there were:

- 13 alarms
- 2 EMS assists
- 6 activated fire alarms
- 2 wires down
- 1 motor vehicle accident
- 1 mountain rescue
- 1 hazardous condition

Town of Philipstown

In a written report for the month of April, Bob Flaherty noted that:

- Town hall and building department are open, but courts remain closed
- Town Hall renovations continue with completion anticipated for late this year/early next
 - 2nd floor tin ceiling to be restored
 - All interior framing complete
 - Plumbing, electrical, AV and data rough-in continues
 - Sheetrock 75% complete
 - Insulation complete
 - Exterior siding work to begin shortly
 - A few change orders approved
 - An electrical transfer switch will be installed in anticipation of future generator
- A new highway garage will be built
- \$100 Foodtown vouchers are available, with no questions asked
- Drug World vouchers capped at \$100
- Recreation department fees have been refunded for canceled activities
- It is not known whether summer camp will be offered
- Town reminds residents to complete the Census
- Karen Jackson was appointed as the new Dog Control officer
- Resolution was passed authorizing the Town Climate Smart Coordinator to submit a consolidated application for NYSDEC 2019 Municipal Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure grant (Charging station)
- Resolution passed accepting the Stormwater MS4 annual report from March 10, 2019 to March 9, 2021

Chamber of Commerce

None

Parking Committee

None

Tree Advisory Board (TAB)

None

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of April 2020:

- Reservoir status is at 100% capacity
- Flow to System is 7.59 MG/275 k/day (a 13.0% increase from 2019)
- 2019 Flow to System was 6.1MG/220 k/day

- Monthly rainfall: 2.47"
- Bacteria Lab Test
 - All routine and additional follow-up (required after a coliform positive test) were found in good standing
- Catskill DEP Project
 - Badey and Watson surveying conducted and report received 3/2/2020. No updates
- Manhole at intersection of 9D and Belvedere was exposed on 4/28/20 and repaired with plate and cold patch

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of April 2020:

- Plant inflow was 7.2 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 240K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 94.75% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 90.91% removal
- Sludge Hauled Offsite: 21,000 gallons
- Kemble Ave pump station alarm panel and mounting equipment received. Installation anticipated by end of May

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A written report noted that during the month of April 2020:

- 73.38 tons of garbage were picked up
- 19.60 tons of recyclables were picked up
- There were 2 brush collections
- Leftover leaves removed from McConville Park
- Overgrowth removed from outfield fence at Mayor's park
- Willow tree at Mayor's Park removed and area seeded
- Fallen pine tree on North St removed
- Stump removed from Dockside and area seeded
- Cleaning and organization of highway garage nearly complete
- New chain guard installed on Bobcat sweeper
- New headlights and directional light installed on '03 garbage truck
- In May work will continue on sidewalks, catch basins, pavers on Main St., and damaged curbs
- Sunday garbage pickup will resume on May 3, 2020

JUSTICE COURT

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of April 2020:

- \$575 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$740 in parking fines were collected
- \$0 in civil fees were collected
- \$558 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There were 2 Penal Law charges
- There was 1 Vehicle & Traffic Law charges
- There were no Civil charges

REPORT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Murphy noted that the Putnam County Business Council re-opening task force held its first meeting on May 8. They will meet weekly.

Mayor Merandy noted that a food drive had been advertised for 5/16-/2020 at the bandstand, but was relocated to the municipal parking lot (as Village approval had not been granted for the bandstand.) Proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. The Mayor emphasized that Village approval must be obtained before advertising for any event on Village property.

Mayor Merandy noted that the bandstand and Dockside Park will be closed on weekends from 10am – 7pm until further notice.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village received an email from Sal Viola (owner of SoHo Salon) requesting permission to delay payment of his water bill, currently due May 15, 2020. Mayor Merandy made a motion deferring payment until 6/30/2020 without penalty. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion of this matter, it was noted that:

- Should a village-wide deferral be offered or should the matter be addressed on a case-by-case basis
- Board should not take any action until May 15
- Village will always help those in need
- Village needs to collect this fee in order to be able to pay its bills

Trustee Early made a motion not to levy penalties on water and sewer bills till August 15, 2020. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 3-2 on a roll call vote.

Mayor Merandy	No
Trustee Early	Yes
Trustee Murphy	Yes
Trustee Miller	Yes
Trustee Voloto	No

The Village received an email from Sam Broe, Sarah Gurland and Thomas Huber requesting the Village issue a determination of the legal status of the property at 21 Parsonage. An application for variances is currently before the ZBA. During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Mayor has solicited an opinion from the Village attorney as well as a second opinion from Victoria Polidoro. Both concur that the property is an illegal lot
- This is not a matter for the Village Board to decide

RESOLUTION 10-2020

Resolution in support of the Town of Philipstown's Consolidated Funding Application for NYSDEC 2019 Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant and Agreement to Enter into a Climate Change Mitigation Easement with the Applicant

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Miller, to wit:

Whereas, the Village of Cold Spring believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce our drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

Whereas, the installation of a public Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles operated by both residents and visitors within Cold Spring; and

Whereas, the Town of Philipstown (Grantee) has requested that the Village of Cold Spring (Grantor) enter into a Climate Change Mitigation Easement, pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §54-1513, in order to install a Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station on Village property; and

Whereas, the Town of Philipstown (lead applicant) has requested that the Village of Cold Spring (partner) enter into a partnership to ensure public access to the Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station; therefore

It Is Hereby Resolved that the Village of Cold Spring, in order to reduce its GHG emissions and adapt to a changing climate, agrees to partner with the Town of Philipstown in order to ensure public access to the Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be installed in the Village of Cold Spring on Cold Spring Village property located on Main Street between the properties of 25 Main Street and 26 Main Street, and hereby states its support for the Town of Philipstown to submit as lead applicant a New York State

Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the 2019 Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant, NYS Grants Gateway Application ID Number: DEC01-ZEVIN-2019; and

Furthermore, It Is Hereby Resolved that the Village of Cold Spring (Grantor) agrees to enter into a Climate Change Mitigation Easement, pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §54-1513, with the Town of Philipstown (Grantee) upon award of the 2019 Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant, NYS Grants Gateway Application ID Number: DEC01-ZEVIN-2019.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted: Aye
Trustee Lynn Miller voted: Aye
Trustee Frances Murphy voted: Aye
Trustee Steve Voloto voted: Aye
Mayor Dave Merandy voted: Aye

Resolution officially adopted on 5/12/2020 by a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION ON RE-OPENING OF BUSINESSES

Mayor Merandy prefaced the discussion emphasizing its nature as an exploration of the issues and that specific actions were not expected. During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Village has received many questions
- Village will need to follow direction from NYS
- Reopening of restaurants may stipulate that they operate at 25% capacity. How can they survive?
- Restaurants fall into Phase 3 of NYS guidelines
- How are crowds and congestion in the village to be handled?
- Village will need help with enforcement
- One-way walking on Main St. is an option
- Face masks are the most important consideration
- Signage regarding wearing of face masks and other health consideration
- Crowds have come to the village even with most stores closed. When stores reopen greater crowds are expected
- Control access to stores, only allowing a certain number of people inside at a time. This would have to be enforced by the store owner. What about the lines outside waiting to get in?
- Businesses have to be responsible for compliance with NYS directives
- What is the Village's primary responsibility: health of the residents or the economy (i.e. reopening businesses)? These responsibilities will have to be balanced.
- No action the village can take will be 100% effective
- Chamber of Commerce should take an active role

- Village needs to be mindful that economic hardships imposed by the pandemic may impact residents' ability to pay their taxes in a timely manner
- Public events fall into NYS phase 4 and the Village may decide to cancel all events
- Trustee Miller said that all regional festivals and similar events of which she was aware have been cancelled

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5567 in the amount of \$30,759.02. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 4-14-2020 as amended. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0, with Trustee Voloto abstaining (due to his absence at that meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion was passed unanimously at 8 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date