

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

**Trustees Workshop Meeting  
9-24-19**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Merandy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and made a motion to enter into executive session. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:38 pm Mayor Merandy made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUTNAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. PRESIDENT KATHLEEN ABELS**

Ms. Abels appeared before the Board to introduce herself and outline her plans. During her remarks she noted that:

- The east and west sides of the county need to be on the same page
- The EDC has a new website
- The EDC looks to leverage existing resources
- EDC is looking “beyond county borders” for ideas (that will benefit Putnam County)
- The mission of the EDC is to “foster economic vitality in the county” via grants to support the quality of life
- EDC supports infrastructure projects
- EDC seeks to promote tourism and business development
- EDC is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit corporation that has no money of its own (to distribute within the county)
- Income to be derived from memberships and grants
- EDC is a resource for business and not a development agency

**PUTNAM COUNTY TOURISM DIRECTOR TRACEY WALLER WALSH**

Ms. Walsh appeared before the Board to introduce herself and outline her plans. During her remarks she noted that:

- She has traveled through the county to “listen and learn”
- She has met with Eliza Starbuck, chair of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce
- She wants to work with the Village to manage things
- The reestablished tourism department will remain in compliance with NYS law
- Department will advertise in area periodicals to re-introduce outsiders to Putnam County

- Department is looking into the best places to advertise (both locations, such as GCT, and magazines)
- Department seeks a stronger internet presence and has established a new website: [www.visitputnam.org](http://www.visitputnam.org) and a Facebook page
- Department seeks to make the trolley more effective. 1,000 persons used the trolley this season.
- Department seeks to promote the whole county

Several Board members made comments noting:

- Concern that Cold Spring doesn't get a proportional share of revenue from the county
- Cold Spring needs funding from the County to address infrastructure needs occasioned by the "tourist crunch"
- Tourism in Cold Spring has a large impact on all aspects of Village life
- Winter tourism should be supported

#### **SUMMARY OF COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOP**

Roberto Muller, Philipstown Community Smart coordinator, made a presentation to the Board about the Complete Streets program. He noted that:

- Philipstown is in the process of creating a Complete Streets policy, as part of the Climate Smart Initiative
- Village of Cold Spring demographics
  - 17% under 18
  - 18.7% over 65
  - 7% under 65 live with disability
- Benefits include resource access for non-drivers and reduced emissions
- Public transportation options include the trolley and medical transport (offered by Office for Senior Resources)
- Suggested projects include:
  - Extend sidewalks from Manitou School to Boscobel
  - Pedestrian corridor between Cold Spring and Garrison
  - Raise crosswalks to provide greater visibility and pedestrian safety
  - Provide pedestrian access to Perks Plaza from nearby homes
  - Provide public transport between Perks Plaza and Cold Spring and/or a Park and Ride lot
- The Process
  - Plan, network and prioritize improvements
  - Develop Complete Streets resolution and guidelines
  - Promote engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement and evaluation
- Beacon has completed a Complete Streets resolution
- Dutchess County has created a Complete Streets survey, used in conjunction with any development

# **RESOLUTION 19-2019 AUTHORIZING JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR JCAP GRANT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village of Cold Spring Justice Court to apply for a JCAP Grant during the 2019-20 cycle for an amount of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

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 9/24/19 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

## **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MOA WITH SEASTREAK FOR 2019 SEASON**

Trustee Early made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a MOA with Seastreak for the 2019 season. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Village received an email from Andrea Corless requesting permission to hold a block party on B Street on October 5, 2019 between noon and 7pm.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to grant the request. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **REQUEST BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO USE VILLAGE HALL FOR MEETINGS**

The request was prompted by the fact that Town Hall will be unavailable during its renovation this fall.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to use Village Hall for meetings. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CODE CHANGES REGARDING ESCROW**

Changes to Village code have been recommended by Village Attorney John Furst. During the Board's discussion it was noted that:

- Code needs to be more specific (regarding escrow)
- What events require an escrow?
- Events requiring an escrow should be codified

- Escrow is used by the Board of Trustees and other Village boards to cover expense of legal and other professional advice necessary to carry out their work.
- A new Chapter is proposed to address escrow
- Trustee Early suggested that the Board postpone voting (on this matter) until:
  - A public hearing is held
  - A resolution is drafted
  - A public hearing on the resolution is held

#### **DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL FOR FIREHOUSE FLOOR**

The Village has received a proposal from CJGEO in the amount of \$20,640 to inject polyurethane grout to stabilize the firehouse floor. During the discussion it was noted that:

- What guarantee is offered?
- How much material (and what additional cost may be incurred) will be required?
- How will out-gassing be addressed?

The Board took no action on this matter.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch # 5289 in the amount of \$44,218.21. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **MINUTES**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to table approval of the 9/3/19 minutes. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:17pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

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Mayor David Merandy

Date