

Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Trustees Workshop Meeting
8-5-2020

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller and Frances Murphy. Steve Voloto was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 6:04 pm.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 7:07 pm.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Merandy reported on his conversation with a representative from Central Hudson about restoration of power. As of August 4th:

- 2,300 homes in Philipstown remain without power and 214 in Cold Spring.
- Central Hudson is working with smaller crews
- Dry ice not available, but wet ice and bottled water is available in East Fishkill

Mayor Merandy noted that an advertisement will be placed in the PCNR for various small projects in the Village (water treatment plant siding and several projects at the fire house)

Mayor Merandy noted that the Village has received an additional bid to replace the garbage truck. The Village Accountant has noted that a public bid, through NYS will be required.

Mayor Merandy made a visit to Fair Street to inspect the drainage problem. He noted that:

- The catch basin is working
- Half the runoff comes down the street and that could be diverted toward the water treatment plant, solving half of the total problem
- Runoff at Rupert's property remains to be resolved

Trustee Murphy reported that the Village's insurance agent has not heard from NYMIR and will respond to the Village after he does. The Chamber of Commerce (COC) has not responded regarding insurance requirements related to the proposed MOU to open the washrooms on Main Street.

Mayor Merandy noted that the Main Street washrooms were opened for a short period last Saturday by persons unknown. It's not known whether there were any COC volunteers present or whether there were any efforts made to sanitize.

Trustee Murphy noted the presence of many toys from Tot's park in McConville Park and that children have been seen playing with them. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Tot's Park is not open
- Mayor Merandy has emailed Andrea Connor for comment about parents' feelings in the matter
- People have been dropping off riding toys at McConville Park and these may be what the children are playing with
- Toys in McConville Park to be removed as there is no way to disinfect them

HIRING OF PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Village has reviewed the civil service list and interviewed several candidates
- The Board met with the preferred candidate in executive session prior to the meeting
- Village to inform Town of Philipstown of its decision to discontinue the current agreement for a shared code enforcement officer

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire Charlotte Mountain as a part-time code enforcement officer for two half-days/week and occasional weekends as may be required at \$24.50/hour for a maximum of 18 hours/week. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TREE REMOVALS

Tree Advisory Board (TAB) Chair Jennifer Zwarich reported on the removal of a tree on Main Street. During the discussion it was noted that:

- TAB proposes to initially only remove branches to a point 10'-0" above the ground. An artist would be commissioned to create an art-installation, which would remain for a month, after which the tree would be completely removed
- Board is comfortable with the proposal, stipulating only that the artwork not be political in nature and subject to Board approval
- The two-part removal would be more expensive, but that additional cost would be absorbed into other TAB grant-funded work

RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The Recreation Commission has requested permission to meet in-person. During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Board noted that any meetings in Village Hall would require:
 - That social distancing protocols be observed

- That masks be work
- That the room be wiped down with Clorox wipes afterwards
- That only the courtroom be used

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of:

- Chapter 108 Streets and Sidewalks
- Chapter 104 Signs

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date