

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

Trustees Workshop
12-1-2020

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Trustee Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Merandy and the Board thanked outgoing board members Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto for their service as trustees.

Mayor Merandy has approved spending \$2,047, remaining from grants obtained by the Tree Advisory Board, to grind down the stumps of some trees recently cut down.

The reorganizational meeting will be held on 12-8-2020 at 6:30pm.

The 12-15-2020 meeting will begin at 6pm and will include a presentation of the audit results (by EFPR) and a discussion with Ted Fink (Greenplan) regarding code updates and SEQRA.

Trustee Miller suggested that the video conference links on the Village website be located on the home page for easy reference.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5789 in the amount of \$19,031.45. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 11-17-2020 minutes as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 11-24-2020 minutes as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Francisco raised issues of responsibility for a water leak in the road near his house. He is not experiencing any loss of water pressure. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Code places responsibility for excavation and repairs on the homeowner even though the water main is village property
- Water Superintendent has determined that the leak is likely in the homeowner's service line and therefore his responsibility

- Code descriptions of water main and service line could be made more clearer
- Does the Village want residents to have work performed on Village-owned systems?
- There is concern for homeowner liability for subsequent damage that may occur to adjacent properties as a result of any work performed
- It has proven difficult to find a plumber and excavator willing to evaluate the problem
- The Village Board has not heard of similar problems with this type of issue
- Contractors would be bonded so any damage would be covered by their insurance
- Village should have some kind of agreement between Village and potentially affected homeowner(s) in these matters
- Village should be the lead agency whenever a street is opened up
- Mayor will speak with Water Superintendent and Highway Department Crew Chief about excavation to determine the extent of the problem

Kathleen Foley commented that in many municipalities the homeowner is not allowed to touch any service line beyond their property line

Mayor Merandy pointed out that other municipalities have Codes similar to Cold Spring's.

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of Chapter 134.

AJOURNMENT

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date