

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

Trustees Workshop
3-30-2021

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Heidi Bender, Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy. Also present were Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo.

DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE VISITOR PSA

The Chamber of Commerce (COC) has prepared a variety of signs and decals advising visitors of actions they can take for safe visits to the Village. COC President Eliza Starbuck discussed the program and noted that:

- COC has been working with Board members Bender and Foley to address trash, public picnicking and social distancing issues in the Village
- Program has been funded by the Putnam County Board of Tourism
- Sign titles include:
 - “Yes to views. No to trash.”
 - “Time for a picnic? Explore our parks.”
 - “Full bin? Try the next one.”
 - “Keep it up! Thank you.” (refers to masking and social distancing)
- Signs were designed by Teresa Lagerman
- COC is negotiating with the MTA to post signs at the Metro North train station

During the Board discussion it was noted that:

- Sign locations may include store window, Village Hall, the subway and the Visitor Center
- Some signs to be designed as decals for public trash containers
- Signs to be approximately 18” x 24”, mounted to rigid cardboard with wire frames to allow installation in the ground
- Board agreed to the use of the Village logo on the signs
- Board agreed to allow placement of signs on Village property, but will review locations and a mock up
- Tracey Walsh (Putnam County Board of Tourism) said she will put in an order for the signs, including heavy duty materials and extras
- COC will monitor the signs
- Some trash receptacles have slotted exteriors which may hinder placement of decals. COC will investigate.

COLD SPRING FILM SOCIETY PLANS FOR 2021 SERIES

Jennifer Zwarich, Film Society board president, noted that:

- This is the Society's 10th anniversary season
- They hope to hold a limited-capacity season, with a reduced number of dates and strict COVID safety protocols in place. A detailed plan was submitted to the Board.
- Season start anticipated in early July
- Selection of films is TBD
- As capacity is limited, preference will be given to Village residents (via advertising on local media, rather than on the Society's larger mailing list)
- Society is currently fundraising for a new projection screen (anticipated to cost \$12K)
- Donations may be made via the Society website: www.coldspringfilm.org or via mail at: Cold Spring Film Society, 192 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

CONTINUED FY2021-22 BUDGET REVIEW

During the discussion of the General Fund it was noted that:

- Minor changes have been made per the previous review session
- Budget for parking meter app/enforcement/back office will depend upon the vendor chosen
 - Some have start-up costs and others don't
 - Some have annual fees (up to \$3K) and others don't
 - All have transaction fees (for users and the Village)
 - Equipment and software for enforcement may cost up to \$10K, which may be spread out at \$6K/year for three years. This will be a budget place-holder.
 - Board consensus is that revenues will, at least, cover expenses and likely yield a profit
- Funding for eCode to be included in budget

During the discussion of the Water and Sewer Funds it was noted that:

- Ongoing projects remain in the budget
- \$40K required for replacement of water meter endpoints (due to technology change) to be taken from the fund balance (as it's a one-time expense)
- \$50K allowance to be included for anticipated engineering required for dam repairs and/or finding new water sources

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 4-13-2021 with a vote to adopt the budget on 4-27-2021.

BOARD COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date