

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
Workshop Meeting
4-22-2021**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting via Videoconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Thursday April 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy. Also present were members of the Parking Committee: Jack Goldstein, Dan Valentine, Rebeca Ramirez, Evan Hudson. Mayor Merandy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Parking Committee Report

Mayor Merandy made opening remarks, including that no public comment on the committee's report would be accepted at the meeting. The public will have the opportunity to comment at a Public Hearing (date TBD).

J. Goldstein introduced committee members and made opening remarks, including:

- Committee is unanimous in its recommendations to the Trustees
- Committee is not making any recommendations regarding infrastructure
- Any recommendations made or program implemented should be considered a "Pilot Program" that can modified as needed
- Not all residents will be happy with the recommendations.
- The committee attempted to develop policies that are fair and equitable to all
- The parking problem the Village faces is not a simple one and as such the solutions are not simple.

C. Murray of Haldane Street expressed displeasure that 1) public input was not sought in making recommendations and 2) public comment would not be allowed at the meeting.

J. Goldstein presented the Parking Committee's recommendations. He stated that the goals of the committee were:

- Mitigate negative impact parking has on the Village
- Equity
- Reduce traffic and congestion
- Increase revenue

The five key recommendations presented included:

1. Implementation of a Residential Parking Permit program

- a. Streets to be included in the program: Railroad, Stone, Cross, Garden, Church, High, Northern Ave, Haldane, Furnace, Rock and Kemble Avenue (between Main and Rock)
 - b. State law requires 80% of available spaces be reserved for residents and 20% for non-residents
 - c. Residences with a driveway will be allotted 1 permit
 - d. Residences without a driveway will be allotted 2 permits
2. Implement app based metered parking on Main Street, limited side street spaces and ancillary locations (municipal lot, Fair Street)
 - a. Numerous vendors researched. ParkMobile graded out the highest
 - b. Flexibility to adjust rates and times is important
3. Engage United Public Safety to provide meter enforcement function
 - a. Requires handheld license plate reader
 - b. Mobile printer to issue ticket on the spot
 - c. Integrates with Court system
4. Designate areas for visitor and non-RPP residents, merchant and employee parking
 - a. Kemble Ave
 - b. The Boulevard
 - c. Metro North lot (weekends only)
 - d. Haldane (9D)
 - e. Depot Square
 - f. 20% of available spots in RPP district
5. Communication to the Public
 - a. Websites: Village, Chamber, Putnam Co. Tourism, merchants
 - b. Signage

K. Foley inquired if residents of Main Street were included in the calculations for the RPP? They are not included. Discussion followed regarding alternate parking locations for persons who do not have off-street parking, such as Main Street residents and employers/employees.

F. Murphy asked for verification that the status of Depot Square would remain as currently classified? It will be.

J. Goldstein discussed next Steps:

- Finalize proposal
- Schedule Public Hearing
- Modification to Village Code
- SEQRA
- Integration of back-office functions

D. Merandy made a motion to move forward with the Parking Committee recommendations. K. Foley seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0.

Board Business

The Board approved the hiring of Dominic Maglio as a Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department beginning May 5, 2021 at a rate of \$14/hour. D. Merandy made the motion. K. Foley seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0.

Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich presented a proposal to add a staff member. This person will be responsible for being the secretary to the HDRB, Planning and ZBA as well as providing support to the Village Clerk and accountant on an as needed basis. Discussions focused on whether the proposed 20 hours/week were enough and where the person would be located on the office. Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve advertising for the position pending verification with M. Ascolillo that there is room in the budget for the increase to 25 hours/week and with Putnam County personnel that 25 hours/week will still be considered part-time. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0 at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by: J. Vidakovich

Mayor David Merandy

Date