

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

Workshop Meeting
5-25-2021

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 6:30pm. Present were Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley, Frances Murphy and Tweeps Phillips Woods. Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich was also present.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Merandy opening the meeting citing the following individuals for their work for the Village:

- Michael Mell, who has acted as secretary, videographer and Zoom host to the Village Board and other boards, is retiring
- OIC Larry Burke for his prompt response to a resident suffering a health emergency
- Michelle Patterson and the Highlands Garden Club for their work at the Bandstand and around the Village
- Ruthanne Cullinan Barr and Michael Barr for their work watering flowers at the Bandstand
- Philipstown Tree for supplying the wood chips and Andrea Connor and the volunteers who have spread the wood chips at Tot's Park

Mayor Merandy also noted that the Cold Spring Fire Company is looking for donations of exercise equipment.

POLICE SURVEY

Trustee Murphy presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the results of the Police Reform Survey, which will be available on the Village website.

PUTNAM WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

Lauren Drummond (sponsor) noted that the festival will:

- Follow NYS and VCS COVID protocols
- Masks, proof of vaccination or proof of a recent negative COVID test will be required for entrance
- Attendees will be required to complete a COVID questionnaire
- Mask and social distancing signage will be displayed
- Porta-potties will be regularly sanitized during the event
- Sanitizing stations will be provided
- Colored wristbands will be provided to attendees to indicate their level of COVID protection
- Periodic temperature reading of attendees will be conducted

During the Board discussion it was noted that:

- Parking remains a concern in spite of sponsor assurances that: many attendees will arrive by train, parking will be made available at Haldane and bus or trolley service will be available between parking areas and the Festival.
- Sponsor will need to meet with the Recreation Commission to walk the site and confirm that all requirements will be met
- Board requests written confirmation from sponsor that promised actions (parking, local transport, etc.) will occur. Board cannot act until all its concerns have been addressed.
- CS Police will be required as well as an ambulance

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LOA WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MAIN STREET BATHROOMS ON SATURDAYS

Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the LOA, as amended. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR SIGN AT 109 MAIN STREET

The proposed sign would hang over Village property and requires Board approval, in addition to any other boards having jurisdiction. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Code only allows 12" overhang
- Current code doesn't speak to the height of the sign above the street, but the proposed code requires bottom of sign is at least 8'-0" above the pavement
- Code Enforcement Officer has referred the matter to the HDRB
- In addition to the HDRB, ZBA approval will also be required before Village Board takes any action

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MIKE LYONS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept the resignation. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FROM COLD SPRING FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD FUNDRAISER OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

During the discussion it was noted that:

- Activity to be held on pad on front of firehouse
- Activity must not encroach sidewalk
- Date of event is Saturday, May 29, 2021

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Tweeps Phillips Woods was appointed to the Audit and Insurance/Risk Management Committees (replacing Heidi Bender.)

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve Batch #6021 in the amount of \$48,865.75. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO PROPOSED SHORT TERM RENTALS

The Board began its review of the proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) code in light of comments received from the public. Although no specific action was taken, it was agreed that the following should be considered:

- Temporary permits for up to 14 consecutive days should be allowed. Permittees would be required to meet all STR requirements and provide sufficient notice to Village.
- STRs may be divided into two categories: hosted and non-hosted. The number of allowable STRs in each category to be determined.
- Proposed prohibition of STRs in the I-1 district to be referred to the Village Attorney for comment
- The proposed lottery seemed the fairest way to allot STR permits. It may be more attractive if there is a hosted/non-hosted, distinction drawn. Demand may not exceed the limit.
- The proposed one-year term (for a STR permit) might be increased to two or three years and may vary between hosted and non-hosted STRs

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:34 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date