

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516**

**Workshop Meeting
9/26/17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:30pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and Trustees: Marie Early, Frances Murphy, and Steve Voloto. Trustee Lynn Miller was absent.

New Business:

The Board received a request for the approval of a sign affixed to a building protruding over the sidewalk at 101 Main Street. The HDRB sent the request to the Board because it does not conform to Village code due to how far the sign would protrude. The Board decided that approving this request would set a precedent that signs with dimensions that violate Village code could be approved. Trustee Early made a motion to deny the request. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy stated that the HDRB, Planning Board, and Zoning Board are often in need of Planning/Engineering consultants and have to advertise on a case by case basis. A suggestion to advertise for a Planning/Engineer to use on an at-need basis was put before the Board. The cost for their services would be paid for through the applicants' escrow. Trustee Early stated that advertising for these positions would go beyond the local papers. A vote on this was held until The Board could review Trustee Early's draft RFP.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the potential sale of Village owned property at the corner of Market & New Streets. Mayor Merandy stated that, though it is not a buildable lot, it may have value to the Village if it can be used as a rental or parking area. Mayor Merandy stated that if it is determined that there is no value to the property as a rental area; the Board should put it up for bid with a set minimum price. Trustee Early suggested advertising the property for sale now, as the Village has never used the property and the property becomes taxable if it becomes a rentable space. Trustee Murphy suggesting having the property assessed to determine its value.

Mayor Merandy gave an update on the Dockside Park agreement, stating that he asked Evan Thompson and Linda Cooper to make clear to their attorney that there would be no annual fee for the property; the Village would maintain the park in lieu of it. Mayor Merandy stated that the shoreline stabilization was approved. Mayor Merandy stated that a vote to approve the agreement will take place once the requested amendment is added.

Mayor Merandy gave an update on the status of the Firehouse roof repair. Mayor Merandy stated that he contacted a firm that told him they would send an estimate but have yet to respond. Water and sewer engineer Bart Clark gave an estimate for between \$2000 and \$3000 to prepare the RFP. Mayor Merandy stated that he and the Village Clerk have put together all of the necessary documentation for the bid package and advertising should begin next week.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the Magazzino Italian Art event. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 27-2017 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the sale of real property:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the sale of the stoop in front of Studio 66 for the price of \$608. Trustee Early seconded. The vote was held until the cost of adding legal fees could be added to the resolution document. Mayor Merandy made a motion to hold the vote until the necessary additions were made to the document. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

The Board received a request from Amy Stevens of 8 Paulding Avenue to repair a hole in the gutter in front of the property.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Early made a motion to approve Batch #4299 in the amount of \$58,997.87. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the 9/5 meeting minutes. Trustee Early seconded. The vote has held until necessary amendments could be made.

Additional Discussion:

Trustee Voloto stated that he will be meeting with a hydroelectrical engineer about installing a hydroelectrical system at the Water Treatment Plant to offset energy use. Trustee Voloto stated that he hopes to have the engineer present the proposal at a subsequent meeting.

Trustee Murphy stated that she met with Nancy Montgomery in regards to the discussion of the consolidation of the Town and Village Highway Departments that took place at the last Town Board meeting. Nancy Montgomery stated that no serious plans were made; the topic was brought up in a general discussion of highway property. Mayor Merandy reiterated that there are currently no plans to consolidate Highway Departments.

Public Comment:

Robert Flaherty asked the Board to reiterate what was stated about the Dockside Park agreement since he had missed that part of the meeting.

Adjournment:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Thomas Califano