

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

**Workshop Meeting
2-21-17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6 pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and trustees: Marie Early, Frances Murphy, Steve Voloto and Lynn Miller.

Mayor Merandy said that there was a time sensitive matter to be dealt with. He read a letter from Jennifer Zwarich, chair of the Tree Advisory Board. There is a grant opportunity from Round 3 of the NYS DEC Urban and Community Forestry Group Program; applications are due March 1. The TAB would like to apply for a \$50,000 grant (pruning and/or removal) for tree management, which requires 25% matching funds from the Village (\$12,500) for a total amount of \$62,500. 46 village trees are identified at the highest level of "immediate pruning". After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to fund the project. Mayor Merandy made a motion to authorize the Tree Advisory Board to apply for a \$50,000 grant under Round 13 of the NYS DEC Urban Forestry grant program. Trustee Early seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mayor Merandy then made a motion to authorize the Tree Advisory Board to work with the Village Clerk or a designated Village Board representative to formulate an itemized list and documentation for a match amount equivalent to 25% of the total grant. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Merandy thanked Ms. Zwarich for her work.

Mike Turton asked for the rationale for going into Executive Session. Mayor Merandy clarified that the description on the Village website was incorrect and that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the employment history of specific employees and pending legal action.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the employment history of specific employees and pending legal action at 6:07pm. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Early made a motion to exit executive session at 9:06pm. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn the motion at 9:07pm. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Early
February 23, 2017