

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

**Trustees Monthly Meeting
2-13-18**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Frances Murphy, Marie Early and Steve Voloto. Trustee Lynn Miler was absent

PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy made a presentation to the board to discuss county-wide law enforcement issues. His office is located at 40 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY and the phone number is 845.808.1050.

Tendy noted that drug abuse (especially opioids) and related criminal activity are large issues for the county and ones he has made a priority.

Mayor Merandy noted that 20% of drug cases are alcohol-related and so should also be included in county drug abuse efforts.

Audience members asked Tendy what signs occur in teenagers who may be abusing drugs. Tendy replied that parents should look for: changes in behavior, withdrawal, abandonment of long-standing friends and association with new friends. He also suggested parents monitor childrens' cell phones and control access and use.

Audience members asked what additional steps the county can take to address drug abuse issues. Tendy replied that the county "will be tougher on drug dealers."

Trustee Voloto asked how fentanyl gets onto the street. Tendy replied it comes mostly from China and is very easy to "cut" into heroin. He also noted that there is a high demand for heroin, which makes it profitable and attractive to drug dealers.

POLICE DEPARMENT REPORT

Officer in Charge Larry Burke reported that there were (69) calls for service, (11) moving violations and (11) parking tickets issued.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- **Recreation Commission** – in a written report from Chair Bruce Campbell he noted that the recreation commission:
 - Has met with Haldane teacher Heidi Gesson and students regarding their proposal for a skate park and outlined some requirements.
 - Tentatively approved the 2018 Tru Green fertilization plan
 - Reviewed next year's budget and project plans
 - Received a request from the Knights of Columbus for their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Tot's Park
 - Will reach out to Tot's Park leaders for a meeting
 - Plans to replace uprooted trees at the waterfront are planned for the spring

- **Planning Board** – in a written report from Chair Matt Francisco he noted that:
 - The board is seeking \$700 from the Village for SavATree to re-inspect the copper beech tree located on the Butterfield property (in case the owner refuses). Owner wishes to remove the tree, but maintenance of the tree is a condition of the project site plan approval. The Board approved the Planning Board's request for inspection of the copper beach tree.
 - The board met with the applicant for 126 Main St
 - Upon advice of Village Attorney John Furst, the board has determined that it does not require a separate public hearing for the property at 35 Market St. HDRB is the lead agency for SEQR.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** – in a written report from Chair Aaron Wolfe he noted:
 - A workshop is planned for 126 Main St. to address the front yard setback
 - A workshop is planned for 9 Morris Ave. Applicant is requesting a special permit to allow use of a residence as offices for a philanthropic institution.
 - The application for 191 Main St. is inactive.
 - Donald MacDonald has applied for the open position on the ZBA
 - Mayor Merandy made a motion to appoint Donald MacDonald to the ZBA. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Town of Philipstown** – Bob Flaherty reported:
 - The Town Planning Board had a meeting in the Highlands.
 - The Town ZBA has denied the proposal for a cell tower
 - Town is seeking a drug coordinator to work with police and other law enforcement agencies
 - A gun-safety hearing will be held on 2-21-18 at 7:30pm
 - In lieu of a town clean-up day, the Town will issues vouchers to residents for Royal Carting
- **Historic District Review Board** – Vice-chair Kathleen Foley noted that:
 - The board will be hearing a signage application for 66 Main St.
 - SEQR review public hearings are scheduled for 126 Main St. and 35 Market St.
 - The board will update its Chapter 64 draft per CSVB and village attorney comments
 - Work on village design standards is temporarily on hold.
- **Code Update Committee** – Trustee Early read a summary of January's activities, noting that:
 - CUC held two meetings and began work on the five topics for Phase 3 – Outdoor Lighting Standards, Steep Slope Standards, Flooding Standards, Green Building Standards and possible adoption of a Ridgeline Protection Overlay District
 - Comments from the Phase 2 public hearing have been received and are being evaluated by the committee.
 - NYSERDA has verbally approved the 3Q17 Quarterly Progress Report and the CUC is awaiting formal NYSERDA approval of the report.
 - CUC is reviewing new NYSERDA contract and has submitted questions, which have not yet been answered.
- **Fire Company** – None
- **Parking Committee** – None
 - Mayor Merandy noted the village continues discussion of residential parking permits and expects to hold a public hearing soon.
- **Tree Advisory Committee** - None
- **Water and Wastewater Department** – Greg Phillips, Water and Sewer Superintendent, reported that:
 - King's Capital Construction is preparing to begin work on the Market Street Pump Station Replacement by the end of March with a completion on 4-27-18
 - He has been in contact with Tectonic Engineering regarding additional information requested after their presentation in December for the Upper Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation.

- Department has received complaints about water discoloration in the village over the past month. This has been caused by recent emergency repairs combined with non-performance of the most recently scheduled hydrant flush. Plans for the hydrant flush will be made once there is a break in the weather allowing a week to perform the flush.
- **Building Department** – In a written report it was noted that there were:
 - (7) new building permit applications
 - (1) building permits issued
 - (5) Certificates of Occupancy issued
 - (0) Title search
 - (0) complaints
 - (0) referrals to HDRB
 - (0) referral to CSPB
 - \$330 in fees collected in December.
 - FY 2017-18 YTD: \$22, 340.22.
- **Highway Department** – In a written report from Crew Chief Charles Norton read by Trustee Murphy it was noted that:
 - 40.12 tons of garbage was picked up
 - 18.86 tons of recyclables was picked up
 - Assisted in water main break on Kemble
 - Snow plowing and clean-up after January storms
 - Holiday decorations removed
 - Truck repairs made
 - Installed handicap parking sign in Fair St. parking lot
 - Worked with Royal Carting on trial run. Mayor Merandy noted the village is awaiting a proposal from Royal and will then schedule a public hearing.
- **Justice Court** – in a written report from Justice Costello it was noted that there were:
 - \$2,825 in forfeited fines, bail and civil penalties
 - \$1,824 in parking fines
 - \$420 in civil penalties
 - \$1,590 in mandatory state surcharges
 - Total for January: \$6,659
- **Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees**
 - Trustee Voloto updated the board about the CCA agreement. NYS will respond in mid-March and then Joule Assets (CCA manager for the village) can proceed with options for residents to save on electric service
- **Approval of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Docking Application**
 - Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept the application. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Authorize Mayor to sign MOU with BQ Energy**
 - This issue was tabled pending further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS - None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Early made a motion to pay Batch #4492 in the amount of \$39,529.13. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Foley asked whether utilities will be held responsible for any damage to streets and sidewalks when utility poles are removed/installed. Trustee Early responded that they were. Early also noted that while Central Hudson installs/removes the poles, other utilities, such as Verizon are responsible for relocation of their wiring and that upon completion it is Verizon's responsibility to pay for any damages. The Village will write to Central Hudson and Verizon regarding low-hanging wires that are often left for long periods of time.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Merandy announced that the board would enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and that no other board business would be conducted afterward. The board entered executive session at 8:45pm.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURN

Mayor Merandy made a motion to exit executive session and adjourn. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:22 pm.

Submitted by M. Mell

David Merandy, Mayor

Date: