

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

**Trustees Workshop Meeting  
5-7-19**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

**RESOLUTION 13-2019 REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR REBUILDING OF STONE WALL**

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Early, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cold Spring (the “Village”) Village Board of Trustees wishes to repair the stone wall on Village owned property adjacent to 210 Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the repair is necessary due to damage sustained to the wall in March 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village advertised that it would accept bids for the repair of the wall; and

**WHEREAS**, four (4) bids were received; and

**WHEREAS**, all bids received exceeded anticipated project costs; and therefore

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Village rejects all of the bids received for the rebuilding of the Stone Wall; and

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village will solicit new bids for the project.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted: Aye

Trustee Lynn Miller voted: Aye

Trustee Frances Murphy voted: Aye

Trustee Steve Voloto voted: Aye

Mayor Dave Merandy voted: Aye

Resolution officially adopted on 5-7-19 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE VILLAGE PROPERTY AT 92 MAIN STREET (PATIO AREA)**

Craig Roffman appeared before the board, asking to be allowed to purchase the patio area in front of his store at 92 Main Street to provide outdoor seating.

The Board is amenable to the sale and directed Mr. Roffman to the Village Clerk for details involved in the purchase.

#### **UPDATE ON PHILIPSTOWN CLIMATE SMART INITIATIVE**

Roberto Mueller, the Philipstown Climate Smart Coordinator, presented an update and noted that:

- An active Community Task Force and Internal Green Team have been formed
- The Government Operations GHG Emissions Inventory is complete
- Bids have been received for energy audits on government buildings
- A website has been created: [climatesmartphilipstown.org](http://climatesmartphilipstown.org)
- A website for energy efficiency resources for home/business owners has been established with support from Cornell Cooperative Extension's Community Energy Advisors program
- A \$15,000 grant has been received from NYS
- The initiative is supporting the NWF Eco-schools programs at Haldane, Garrison and Manitou
- The electric vehicle charging station survey is complete and is expected to be released on 6/6/19
- Next steps include:
  - Present community and government operations inventory results next fall
  - Develop a government operations climate action plan
  - Develop a community inventory and climate action plan
  - Update natural resource inventory and perform a vulnerability assessment
  - Develop a climate smart resiliency plan
  - Develop a heat emergency plan and community flood prevention strategies
  - Complete a Comprehensive Plan update with sustainability elements
  - Develop strategies that support bicycling and walking

#### **DISCUSSION ON HIRING OFFICERS FOR CSPD**

Based upon the recommendation of Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke, the Trustees have interviewed candidates Reece Aronow and Mark Mauro. Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire both candidates. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH MUNISTAT**

Trustee Early made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with Munistat. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **REQUEST FROM SLOOP CLEARWATER TO WAIVE DOCKING FEES**

The Village received a letter from Greg Williams, the executive director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater requesting a waiver of docking fees. Mayor Merandy made a motion to waive docking fees. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ON FEES FOR USE OF DOCKSIDE PARK BY HUDSON RIVER EXPEDITIONS**

Brian Grahn from Hudson River Expeditions appeared before the Board requesting a reduction in fee for use of Dockside Park for a 2 or 3-day camp from July 8-12. He noted that:

- There will be 20-40 persons with tents

- Charge is \$1,000 per person; rain or shine
- A food trailer with a fully outfitted kitchen will be on site and is Health Department approved
- Porta-potties will be provided
- A fee of \$250 is requested

During the Board's discussion it was noted that:

- According to the recently enacted fee schedule, the fee for this event would be \$5,500
- A poll of the board showed two in favor of a reduced fee of \$1,000 and three against

Trustee Murphy made a motion to grant a reduced fee of \$2,500 for the event. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed 4-1-0-0.

#### **REQUEST TO FILM AT MAYOR'S PARK BY COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Rider Laskin submitted an application to film in the Village at various location and to use Mayor's Park; he also requested, via an email, reduced fees of \$350 for the first day and \$100 for each of the following days. Laskin cited the limited budget allocated (by the University) for this student production.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to grant the reduced fees. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ON DANSKAMMER BUILD OUT PROPOSAL**

Tara Vamos spoke to the Board and urged they pass a resolution opposing the new power plant at the Danskammer site in Newburgh. She cited several reasons including:

- In spite of the greater efficiency of the proposed plant, it would operate ten times as long, per day, creating increased pollution
- Possibility of flooding
- Increase in greenhouse gas emissions
- Greener energy alternatives are available

#### **RESOLUTION 14-2019 OPPOSING DANSKAMMER BUILD OUT PROPOSAL**

The resolution was tabled for further consideration.

#### **LETTER FROM PUTNAM COUNTY RE: FALSE ALARM PENALTIES**

The Board received a letter from Putnam County Legislator Paul Jonke requesting the Village consider a False Alarm Penalty Fee.

Mayor Merandy noted that the Village already has such a fee and directed Trustee Early to make a formal written reply.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPAIR TO PLANTER BOX AT THE END OF MAIN STREET AND REPAIRS TO CATCH BASINS**

This matter was tabled.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5091 in the amount of \$46,545.92. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 4-23-19 meeting minutes. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Voloto said that the Village has signed with Direct Energy as part of the CCA. He noted that:

- Power will come from 100% renewable resources
- Cost will be 6.3 cents per kW/hr and will begin on 7-1-19
- 15% of energy will come from NYS hydro
- The agreement will allow Village residents to switch to other renewable resources that may become available
- Opt-out letters will be sent to village residents
- Public information sessions will be held on 5-9-19 at the Village Hall (in the morning) and at the Desmond Fish Library (in the afternoon)

Board consensus is that more notice should have been given and that additional information session should be held.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alan Selge stated he is in favor of the climate smart community initiative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

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Mayor David Merandy

Date