# Village of Cold Spring Planning Board

# Thursday December 28, 2023

# Meeting Minutes

The Village of Cold Spring Planning Board held a Meeting at Village Hall and via videoconference on Thursday December 28, 2023. Members present at Village Hall: Acting Chairperson Yaslyn Daniels, Matt Francisco, Lara-Shihab-Eldin and Sue Meyer. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Acting Chairperson Remarks**

Y. Daniels thanked the Board members for a successful year and all that has been accomplished. She noted this was her final meeting as a Board member, as well as for M. Francisco and Sue Meyer. Board members expressed gratitude for her leadership as Acting Chair after the passing of Jack Goldstein.

1. **Opportunity to Request Vote to Add/Modify Agenda Items -** None
2. **Approval of Minutes –** October 26, 2023Meeting Minutes

*The Acting Chair called for a Motion*

M. Francisco made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. S. Meyer seconded the motion, it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0.

1. **Member Reports**

M. Francisco expressed his disappointment that the Board of Trustees did not appoint Marie Early to the Planning Board. He commented that the rejection of Early was a departure from a long-standing precedent of the Trustees following the Planning Board’s recommendations of appointees. He further noted that the Board’s recommendation of Early was unanimous, and that no reason was given for the decision. He stated that Marie Early is encyclopedic, tenacious, and has the time, experience, and qualifications required for the job.

M. Francisco pointed out that the Planning Board remains two members short, even with the Mayor’s current reorganization. This impairs the ability of the Planning Board to serve the Village and move the business of the people forward.

L Shihab-Eldin commented that Board service should not be political, rather, its goal is to provide a service to the public to reasonably interpret the Code. She hopes to focus on that goal as an alternate Board member.

1. **New Business**
2. **Old Business** – None.
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Correspondence** – None.
5. **Public Comment** – None.
6. **Board Business** – None.
7. **Adjournment**

*The Acting Chairperson called for a MOTION*.

M. Francisco made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. S. Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Karen Herbert

Yaslyn Daniels, Acting Chair Date