# Village of Cold Spring Planning Board

# Thursday October 13, 2022

**Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Cold Spring Planning Board held a Meeting at Village Hall and via videoconference on Thursday October 13, 2022. Members present: Chairperson Jack Goldstein, Sue Meyer, Yaslyn Daniels, Lara Shihab-Eldin (joined meeting in person at approximately 7:07 p.m.), and Matt Francisco (joined meeting via videoconference 7:09 p.m.). The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Chairperson Remarks.**

Chairperson J. Goldstein commented that the 9/28/2022 joint meeting with the VBOT went well and public response was positive. He added that he is researching “over-tourism” studies and will share information with the Board.

1. **Opportunity to Request Vote to Add/Modify Agenda Items**

*The Chairman called for a Motion*

S. Meyer made a motion to modify the agenda to delay voting on the July 14, 2022, August 11, 2022, and September 8, 2022 until all eligible members were present to vote. Y. Daniels seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0-0-2 (L. Shihab-Eldin and M Francisco not yet present).

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*The Chairman called for a Motion on July 14, 2022 Minutes*

*(L. Shihab-Eldin attending in person at 7:07 p.m.)*

S. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2022. L. Shihab-Eldin seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-1-0 (Y. Daniels abstained).

At J. Goldstein’s request, the September 8, 2022 and August 11, 2022 meeting minutes were tabled until next meeting without objection.

1. **Member Reports**

S. Meyer observed a great deal of driftwood washed up at the Dockside Park Boat Launch at high tide, but there is less garbage. She noted that NYS Parks was present checking the newly planted trees, some of which are not surviving. She noted that the toilets are locked. S. Meyer noted no signage has yet been posted prohibiting driving into Dockside.

1. **Correspondence**

*(M. Francisco attending via videoconference present at 7:09 p.m.)*

J. Goldstein acknowledged on the record comments received from Village residents Gretchen Dykstra, Michael Reisman, and Derek Graham. J. Goldstein will draft a response and circulate it amongst the Board for review and comment.

1. **Old Business**

**40 Main Street, 48-12-24.** 40 Main Street CS LLC, Owner. Stacey Dugliss, (Tenant CS Apothecary). Application for a change-of-use from Retail to Retail/Personal Service.

***Public Hearing***

J. Goldstein noted that S. Dugliss submitted an Owner’s Endorsement authorizing her to represent Owner on the Application. He read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record.

Proof of mailing receipts has been received by the Village Clerkand no comments have been received regarding the Application.

S. Dugliss described the proposed change-of-use application as an addition to the previously approved site plan of three (3) salon chairs to the retail space.

J. Goldstein opened up the Hearing for public comment.

Public Comment - None

Board Comment - None

*The Chairman called for a Motion*

M. Francisco made a motion to classify the action as a TYPE II under SEQRA.

Y. Daniels seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

J. Goldstein noted there is no need for approval from Putnam County Planning Department.

*The Chairman called for a Motion*

L. Shihab-Eldin made a motion to close the public comment and record. S. Meyer seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0-0.

*The Chairman called for a Motion*

Y. Daniels made a motion to approve the application as submitted. S. Meyer seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

1. **New Business – Philipstown Trails Committee Presentation**

Rebeca Ramirez and Marianne Sullivan attended the Board meeting at Village Hall

representing the Philipstown Trails Committee (“PTC”). Materials were shared with

all participants.

1. ***Purpose of the Trails Committee***

* To advise Philipstown in efforts to be a community where people

of all ages and abilities can safely and easily move around the

community to access resources to develop a healthy, environmentally friendly and socially connected community

1. ***Guiding Principles***

* Neighborhood Connection and Collaboration
* Residents, local governments, and non-profit partners

working together

* Equitable & Complete Streets
* Increase walking and biking, provide safe and easy

mobility

* Environmental Responsibility
* Building on Assets

1. ***History***

* 2017 - volunteer group of walkers and bikers grew out of

the Philipstown Community Congress to improve

Town’s walkability and bike ability

* 2018 - PTC formed
* 2021 - PTC became a Town Advisory Committee

1. ***Accomplishments***

* Hosted annual Bikes Day
* Supported Town’s Climate Smart Community

Task Force in adoption of Complete Streets policies

* Awarded grants from National Park Service (explore

route feasibility) and Hudson River Valley Greenway (assess

feasibility of proposed path concept)

1. ***PTC Goals align State and Regional Goals***

* Town Civic Engagement and Sustainability Goals regarding

Greenhouse Gases

* Philipstown Comprehensive Plan
* NYS State DOT Rte. 9 Scenic Byway Corridor

Management Plan

* Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council’s

Plan

* Village of Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan

1. ***Project Area***

* Proposed path between VCS and Philipstown Recreation

Center would link schools, libraries, parks, Constitution Marsh,

Boscobel House & Gardens, MNR stations, and other community destinations and landmarks

1. ***Feasibility Study***

* PTC has met with various institutions: Non-Profits Agencies,

schools & childcare facilities and the Town Recreation

Department, and continues to do so. New information and feedback from these entities leads to new perspectives and re-evaluations.

R. Ramirez noted the Feasibility Study was exploring three broad options for the Path between VCS an Philipstown Recreation Center:

1. Bank Street then follow 9D;
2. Follow the Hudson River;
3. Follow 9D in sections.

She added that, in general, routes can be combined along the way depending on feasibility and community preference. The goal is to use publicly owned lands, and lands owned by non-profits, with their cooperation. R. Ramirez noted that accessibility to safe walking and biking have become more important since to COVID. She added that PTC process is still in its early stages, and noted that full realization of the project will likely take five to ten years.

1. **Project Timeline**

* PTC moving into the “stakeholder engagement phase”
* Existing Conditions Inventory and Alternatives Development

Analysis – more detail will be provided at upcoming community

Meetings and workshops are open to the public:

* October 17, 2022 Neighbor and Adjoiners
* November 10, 2022 Full Community
* Philipstown Town Workshops and CS Planning Board

and VBOT workshops TBD

R. Ramirez advised PTC has conducted a Pedestrian Safety Survey for parents whose children attend the seven area schools that connect with Route 9D. Eighty-four percent (84%) of the 240 families that participated in the survey shared they might walk or bike to school using 9D if it were safe to do so. Ninety percent (90%) of survey participants were in favor of PTC exploring improvement of pedestrian safety in Philipstown.

**Board Comment**

Y. Daniels commented that the Board is working with NYS Parks and the Hudson Highland Fjord Trail (“HHFT”) regarding similar concerns as those expressed by PTC. She asked if the scope of the Feasibility Study (the “Study”) will consider effects on the environment and infrastructure, and population control. M. Sullivan replied that the focus of the present Study is the Path, and further steps would require additional funding. M. Sullivan advised that Greenways Trail Network is funding the Study.

L. Shihab-Eldin asked who will have ownership of the proposed Path, as it will pass through several jurisdictions. She added that parking is an always an important consideration as well. R. Ramirez replied the Path would run along State, public, and nonprofits lands.

S. Meyer commented on the difficulties of traveling on Route 9D, and ongoing safety risks to bicyclists despite the bike lane. She noted that there may be some sections that would be good or possibly good for the Path, however, other possible sections would only be available as great cost. She expressed concern for Constitution Marsh, noting it should not be disturbed. R. Ramirez noted PTC is taking community concerns into consideration.

M. Francisco asked if the Path could be made ADA accessible. M. Sullivan replied it is a goal.

J. Goldstein asked if the PTC feasibility study will include a chain of ownership within the preferred route. He noted that some of the properties may be connectible and some are not. He agreed with the PTC that the project could be a success without it

being a continuous link. He cautioned against relying on outdated programs/studies. J. Goldstein thanked them for their Presentation to the Board.

1. **Public Comment** **–** None**.**
2. **Board Business** – None.
3. **Adjournment**

*The Chairman called for a MOTION*.

L. Shihab-Eldin made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Y. Daniels seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Prepared by: Karen Herbert

Jack Goldstein, Chair Date