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Board of Trustees

Tuesday April 6, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Via Video Conference Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1

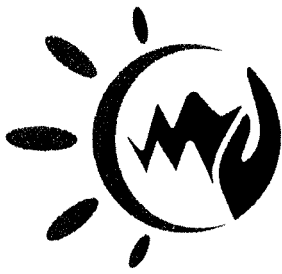
1. Discussion/presentation with Hudson Valley Community Power re: Program Renewal
2. Request to relocate crosswalk @ Oak St & Route 9D
3. Discussion on implications of Utility Termination Moratorium Law
4. Appointment of Marianne Remy to ZBA as per Recommendation of E. Wirth
5. Establish date for reopening of public restrooms-
6. Approval of Final Listing for Fireman Service Award
7. Approval of Bills – Batch #: 5956 Amount: \$29,429.65
Batch # 5952 Amount: \$43.00
8. Approval of Minutes – 3/2, 3/9, 3/16

The public is invited to attend the meeting as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/94086293122?pwd=eVJpUnFZRUt5K3A3anhFLzIERG9SQTO9>

or to Join by Phone: (646) 558-8656

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Hudson Valley Community Power

Creating change together!

Hudson Valley Community Power
2020 Progress Update

Full presentation recording: <https://tinyurl.com/HVCP2020performance>

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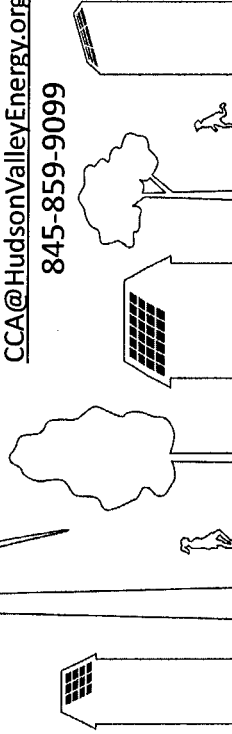
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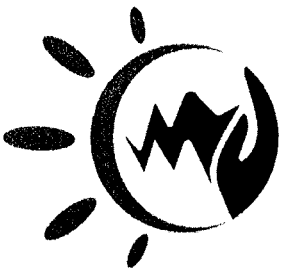


COMMUNITY PARTNERS



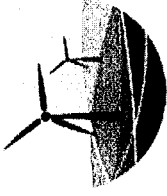
PROGRAM PARTNERS





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Overview – the Two HVCP Programs



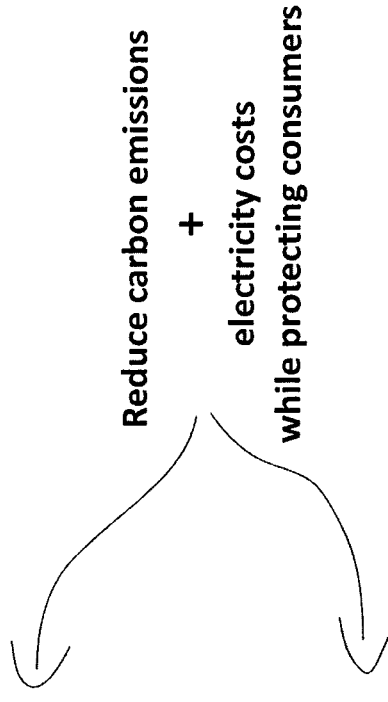
Electricity Supply

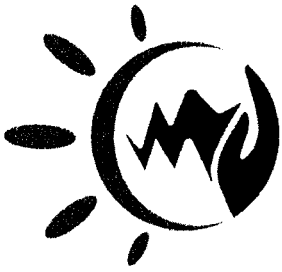
- Opt-out program sourcing electricity for residents
- 100% New York State renewable electricity supply
- Cost saving opportunity with a low fixed rate



Community Solar

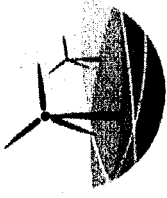
- To date, has been opt-in program. Now available opt-out
- Support local community solar farms
- Guaranteed savings up to 10% off annual electricity bill
- Earns communities funding for a local sustainability project





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HVCP Program Highlights

Electricity Supply (CCA) Highlights

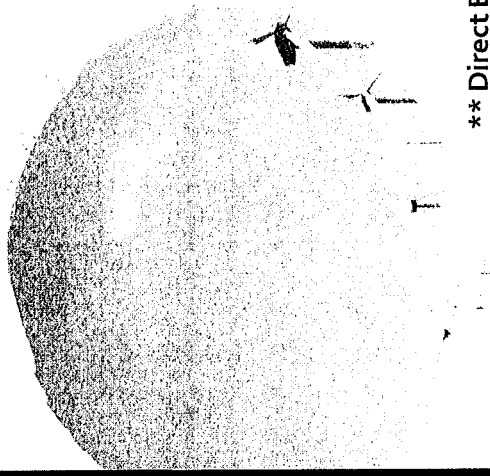
- ~25,000 households, 200,000 GHG tons avoided**
- Program cost: \$5.00/household/month (due to pandemic)
- 7,000 Customer Support engagements

Community Solar Highlights

- 843 Households opted-in to Program
- 10% savings on total electric charges
- 9 Hudson Valley solar sites catalyzed by Program

"New" and "Next" Highlights

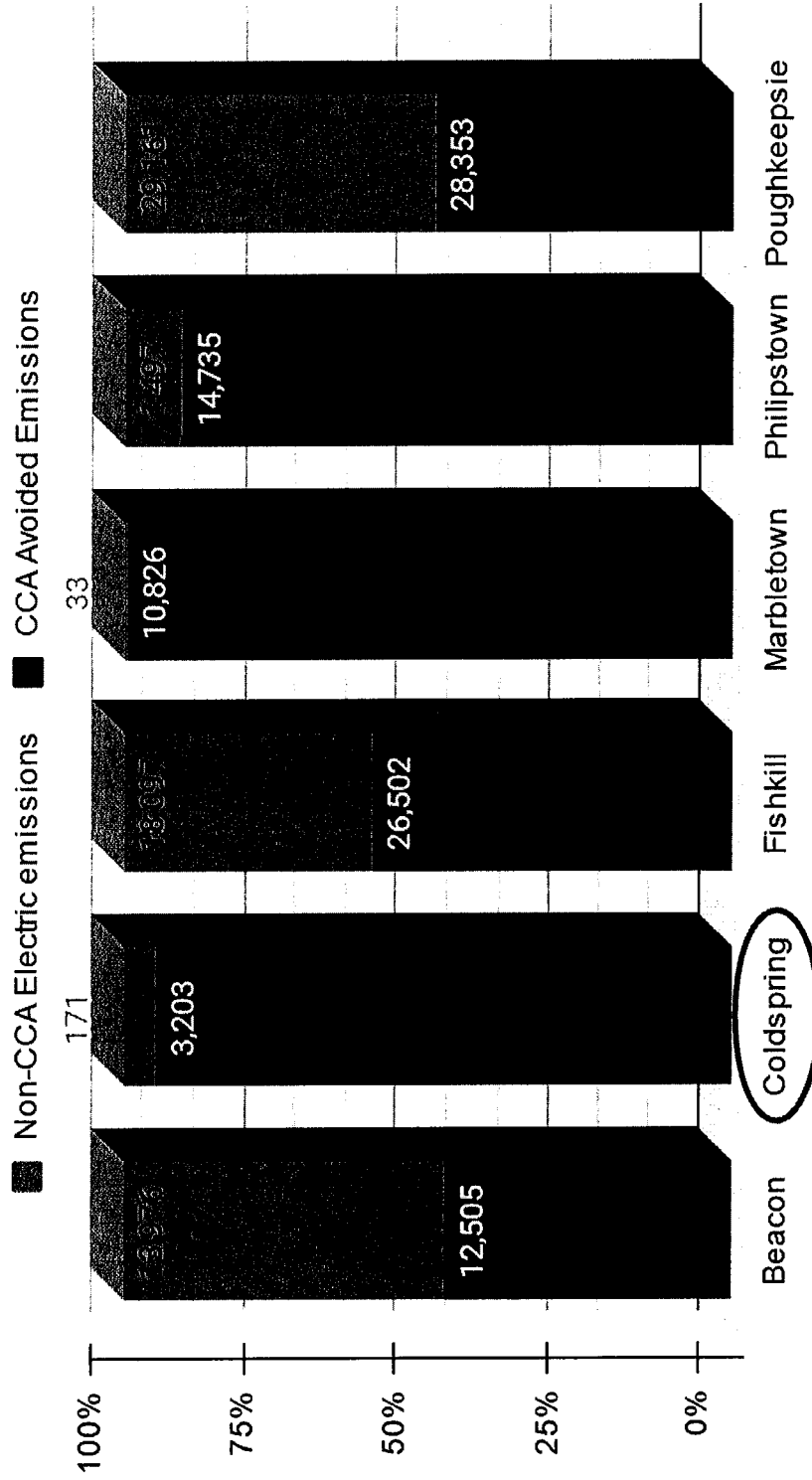
- Renewal of Electricity Supply contract July 2021
- Community Solar Opt-Out Opportunity



** Direct Energy Environmental Disclosure Report: 100% NYS hydropower.

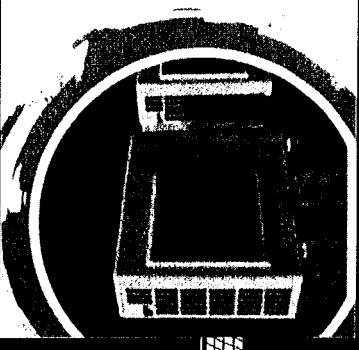
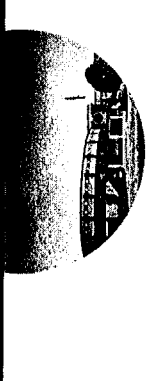
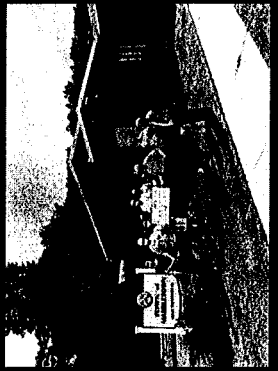


CCA Impact on Community Electricity Emissions (mt GHG)



Sources: (1) HVCP Community and rate-specific electricity usage and participation data, (2) Mid-Hudson Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, ICF International (Dec 2012); and (3) U.S. EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator website

Community Engagement & Celebration



Participating Community	Enrolled	Fund	Chosen Project
City of Beacon	217	\$10,850	Local Schools
Town of Clinton	52	\$2,600	TBD
Village of Cold Spring	50	\$2,500	TBD
Town of Fishkill	5	\$250	TBD
Town of Marletown	180	\$9,000	Local Walk & Bike Project
Marletown COVID-19 relief	42	\$2,100	Rondout Valley Food Pantry
Town of New Paltz	16	\$800	TBD
New Paltz COVID-19 relief	61	\$3,050	Family of New Paltz
Village of New Paltz	46	\$2,300	TBD
Town of Philistown	152	\$7,600	Refrigerant Management Program
City of Poughkeepsie	22	\$1,100	TBD



Enrolled



Fund



Chosen Project

100% New York State Renewable Electricity

Fuel Sources and Air Emission Pertaining to Electricity Generation
for Direct Energy - Supplier for Joule Assets CCA

January 1, 2019— December 31, 2019

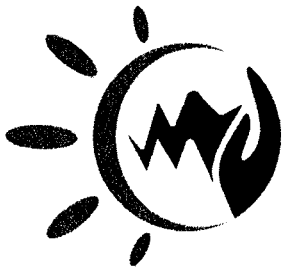


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Public Service

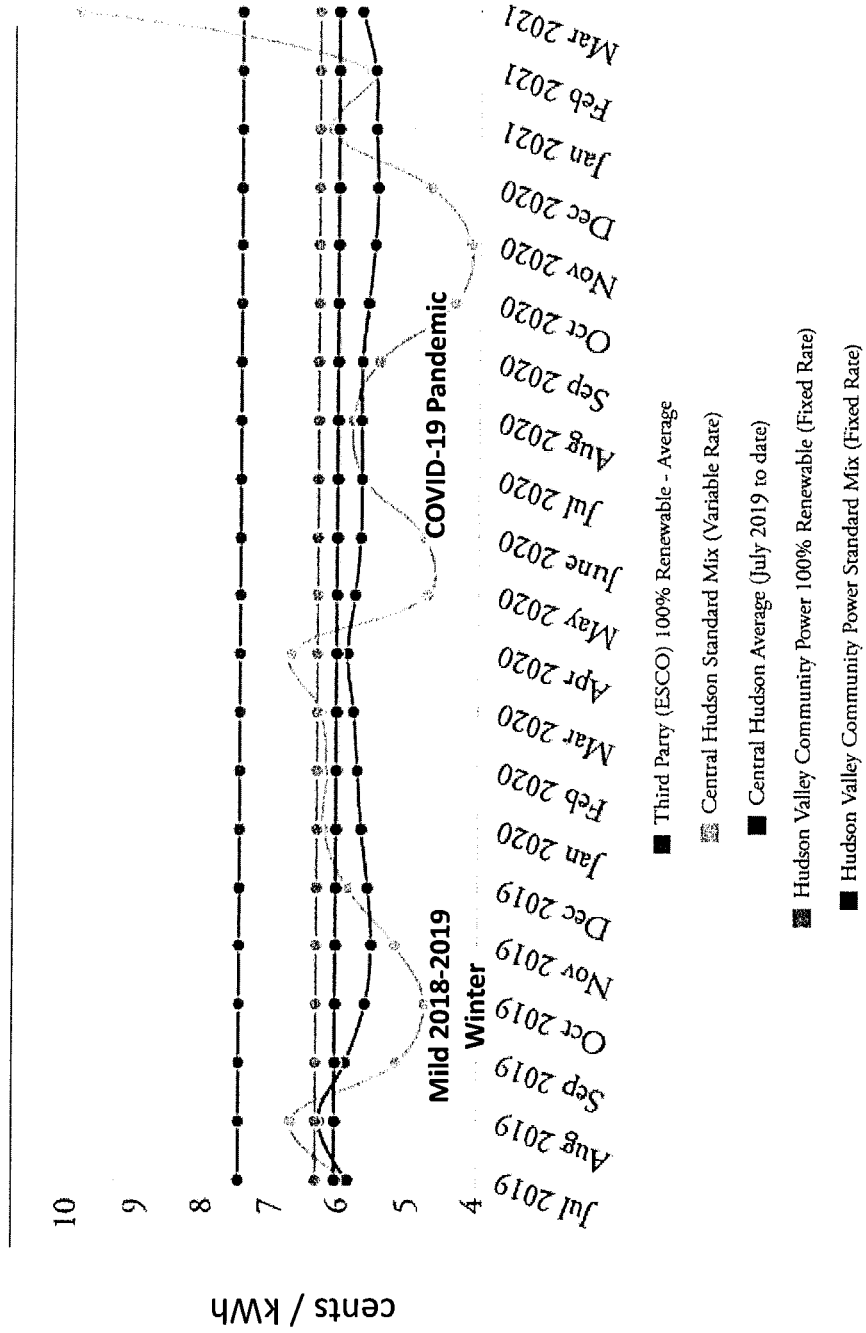
NYISO ID: HEM

Fuel Sources	
Biomass	0%
Coal	0%
Hydroelectric	100%
Natural Gas	0%
Nuclear	0%
Oil	0%
Renewable Biogas	0%
Solar	0%
Solid Waste	0%
Wind	0%
Total	100%

(Total may vary slightly from 100% due to rounding)



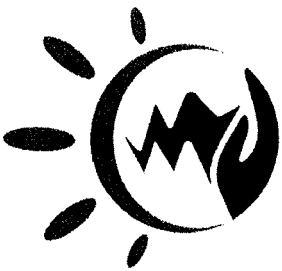
HVCP Electricity Rate Comparison (so far)



HVCP Program Updates

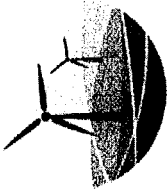
Electricity Supply - Participation

Community	Program Start	# Accounts - Program Start	# Accounts - Oct 2020	Net Attrition Rate
Beacon	July 2019	4133	2910	27%
Cold Spring	July 2019	855	669	17%
Fishkill, Town	July 2019	6215	5302	21%
Marbletown	July 2019	2618	1981	23%
Philipstown	July 2019	2543	1213	30%
Poughkeepsie, City	July 2019	9047	6207	33%
New Paltz, Village	January 2020	1670	1256	19%
New Paltz, Town	January 2020	1768	1593	10%
Red Hook, Town	January 2020	1695	1478	7%
Clinton	June 2020	1356	1287	5%

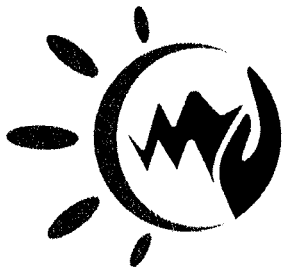


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Market Forwards – Central Hudson Zone (\$/MWh)

Year	May 2019	July 2019	Feb 2020	April 2020	Dec 2020
2020	\$44	\$41	\$33	\$39	\$29
2021	\$40	\$33	\$29	\$33	\$30
2022	\$46	\$36	\$30	\$32	\$33

HVCP bid awarded → Market correction → Historic low → Pre-COVID rebound → Current

Next Steps to Allow Renewal Exploration

Presentation to Trustees (4/6/21)

Pass renewal non-binding resolution ASAP

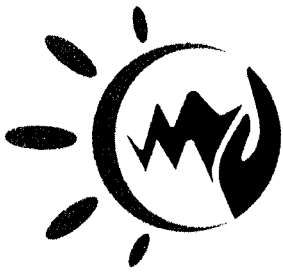
> includes Opt-Out Community Solar exploration

Joule issues new RFP in April 2021

Review updated Electricity Supply Agreement –

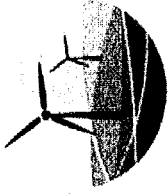
> have ready to sign if / when compliant bid accepted





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Supply and Solar - Your "Menu" Choices

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose only one option from each column:

Electricity Supply

1. Central Hudson
2. Third Party Supplier (ESCO)
3. CCA*

Solar

- A. No Solar
- B. Solar at your home/business
- C. Community Solar

Community Choice Solar

Use the municipality's ability to determine default energy offerings on behalf of its residents and small businesses to put bill credits from local renewable generators directly on Central Hudson bills for guaranteed savings

(Solar, hydroelectric, etc.)



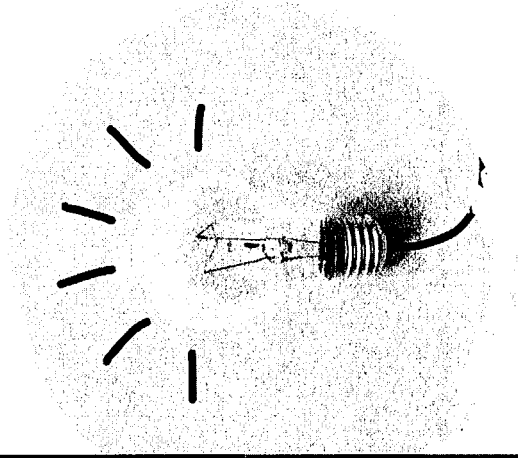
Community Choice Solar

- Same benefits of Community Solar plus:

- No individual contracts (municipality signs contract)
- No second bill (savings applied to monthly electric bill)
- No credit check

- State approval of Joule's expansion plan September 2020

- First program launching Upstate



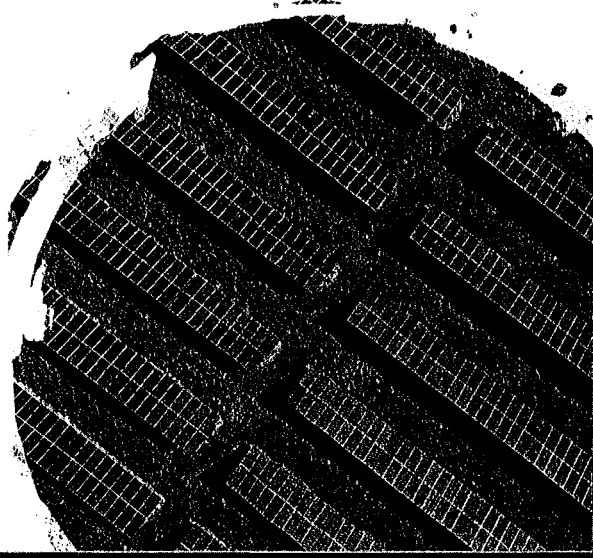
Integrating Community Choice Renewables

Same non-binding resolution allows exploration

Joule issues RFP for community solar projects

Guaranteed savings for HEAP participants

- Currently excluded from CCA programs





Questions?

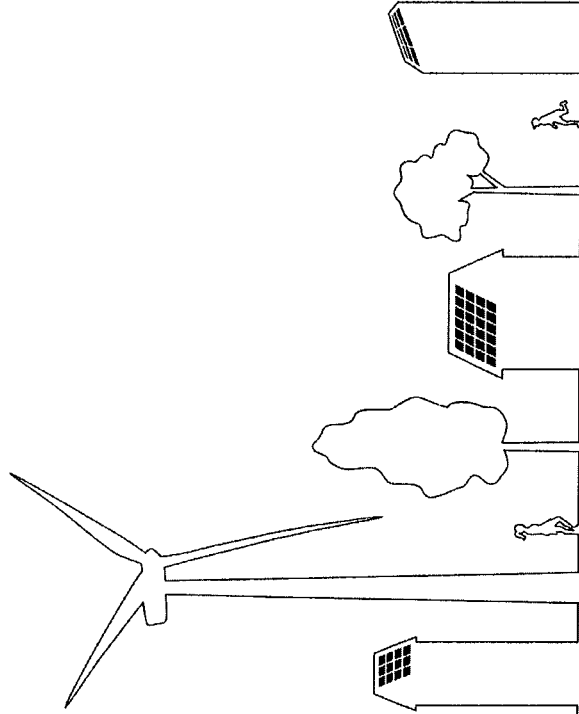


Program Help Line: 845-859-9099

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From: Bruce Croushore <croushoreb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Jeff Vidakovich
Subject: Pedestrian Crosswalk Across Route 9D at Oak Street

Hi Jeff. I hope this email finds you, your family, friends and colleagues well. Michele and I remain hunkered down and healthy.

I am separately sending you an email I sent to the state DOT on 1/17/21 regarding the subject crosswalk, and a second email I received on 2/26/21 from the DOT in reply to my email. You will see in the state's reply that the DOT requires an official resolution from the village, indicating public support for the action, along with supporting documentation that the south side of the intersection is the preferred crossing location.

I originally brought the situation to the attention of Buggy Downey on 1/12/21 and Buggy instructed me to contact the state.

Please make certain the attachments to my email (four photos and one Word doc) came through and then forward this and the two emails to the appropriate folks in the village. Let me know if you or they have any questions or concerns. I think my letter and photos explain and visually capture the situation, but I'd be happy to address anything that is not clear.

Thanks very much. Bruce

**4 OAK STREET
COLD SPRING, NY 10516**

January 18, 2021

Mr. Lance MacMillan, PE
Regional Director
New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
4 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Dear Mr. MacMillan,

Our home on Oak Street is approximately 20 yards east of State Route 9D, across from Food Town and Dunkin' Donuts in the village of Cold Spring. My wife and I cross 9D on foot frequently, six roundtrips a day on average. We do so on the crosswalk where Oak Street terminates at Route 9D. We see lots of pedestrians crossing 9D on the crosswalk in order to enter the M&T Bank branch. Our Oak St. neighbors cross 9D there too.

The current crosswalk is at the north corner of the terminus of Oak Street and it has several problems that we believe are hazardous to pedestrians, and could be easily remedied by relocating it to the opposite corner.

First, a depression in 9D next to a storm drain causes a large puddle to form every time it rains. Second, the sidewalk to which the crosswalk leads is impeded by trees that make it dark at night and difficult to walk on; most people cross Oak Street to the other side. Third, the existing crosswalk markings have faded and will need to be repainted in the near future.

Given these circumstances, we would like to suggest that the crosswalk be moved to connect with the south corner of Oak St. where it terminates at 9D. There is a street light on a utility pole immediately above that corner. Rain water does not puddle near it, and the street light brightly illuminates the southern portion of the intersection. Plus, the sidewalk is less impeded and easier to walk on – and much of the foot traffic on Oak St. is heading for the M&T Bank branch, which is on the south side of Oak.

Is there any reason why the crosswalk across 9D at the termination of Oak Street could not be relocated to the southern corner for the reasons given above, instead of repainting the existing crosswalk lines, which will have to happen soon?

I have attached this letter to an email addressed to Kathy Dupilka in your office, so that digital photos can be included with it. My wife and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Croushore

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From: Bruce Croushore <croushoreb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Jeff Vidakovich
Subject: Pedestrian Crosswalk Across Route 9D at Oak Street Fwd: Correspondence response ML5027

----- Forwarded message -----

From: dot.sm.r08.nysdot <R08-NYS DOT@dot.ny.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 11:45 AM
Subject: Correspondence response ML5027
To: croushoreb@gmail.com <croushoreb@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Croushore:

Thank you for your email dated January 17, 2021, regarding your request to relocate the crosswalk from the north side of the intersection to the south side of the intersection of Route 9D and Oak Street in the Village of Cold Spring, Putnam County.

Your email stated:

- That a depression on Route 9D causes a puddle to form at the crosswalk when it rains
- That the sidewalk at the crosswalk is impeded by trees
- Most people cross at Oak Street to walk on the other side
- The crosswalk needs repainting

NYSDOT would consider this request if it came from the Village of Cold Spring in the form of an official resolution, indicating public support for the action. The village of Cold Spring would also need to provide supporting documentation that the south side of the intersection is the preferred crossing location. Preliminary review indicates that the school and most of the residential development are located to the north of the intersection. Additionally, there is an existing crosswalk approximately 260 feet to the south of Oak Street at Benedict Road that serves pedestrians wishing to cross from points south of the intersection.

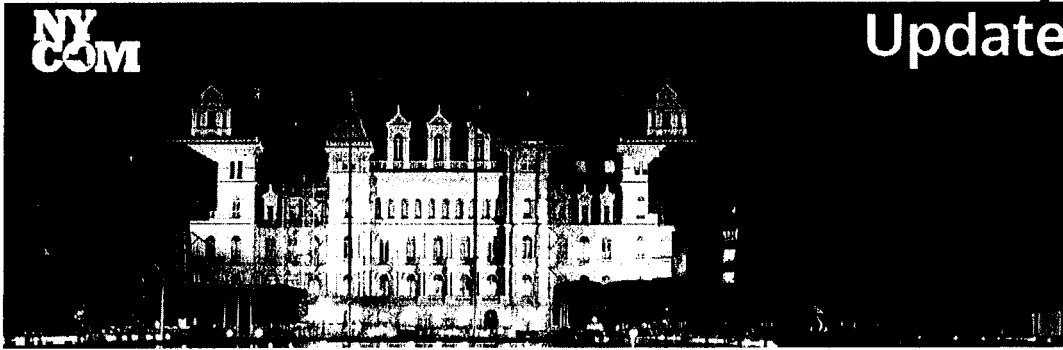
Sidewalk maintenance and tree trimming are under the jurisdiction of the village. If foliage is affecting lighting on the sidewalk or crosswalk, this concern should be directed to the village of Cold Spring. Your concern regarding the puddle at the existing crosswalk has been forwarded to the NYSDOT regional maintenance office for their action. Crosswalks are refreshed by NYSDOT construction contract on a four- year cycle. The

crosswalks on Route 9D are anticipated to be refreshed in 2023. NYSDOT will evaluate the condition of the pavement markings at this specific location to determine if they need to be refreshed sooner.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the transportation system. If you require further information, please contact Mr. Lee Zimmer, P.E., Acting Regional Traffic Engineer, at (845) 437-3396 and reference ML5027.

NYSDOT Hudson Valley Region

ML5027



Legislation Passed to Extend and Modify the Utility Termination Moratorium Law

April 1, 2021

Last year, as part of the State's response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Public Service Law was amended (Chapter 108 of the Laws of 2020) to prohibit public utilities and municipalities from terminating public utility services to residential customers during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and require utilities and municipalities to provide residential customers with the opportunity to enter into deferred payment plans if they encountered a change in financial circumstance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law was set to expire on March 31, 2021.

Yesterday, the State Legislature passed a bill ([A.6255-A \(Richardson\) /S.1453-B \(Parker\)](#)) to extend the law's expiration date, include small business customers with 25 or fewer employees within the protections and requirements of the statute, prohibit the imposition of late fees on residential and small business customers entering into deferred payment agreements, and also prohibit a municipality's ability to place, sell or enforce a lien on the properties of such customers protected by this legislation. The protections afforded by the legislation would be effective as soon as the bill is signed by the Governor – which we expect will be very soon – and would remain in effect for 180 days after the State of Emergency is lifted or until December 31, 2021, whichever is earlier.

Municipal water suppliers would also be required to provide notice in every regular billing statement to residential and small business customers of the legislation's protection against water service termination and the opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement (DPA).

Notably, the legislation would prohibit municipal water suppliers from relevying unpaid or past due water charges during the pendency of the State of Emergency or until December 31, 2021, whichever is earlier, and for 180 days after that deadline for customers who claim a change in financial circumstance due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Relevying would only be permitted after the COVID-19 State of Emergency is lifted or after December 31, 2021, whichever is earlier, for those customers who have received the appropriate

notice of the protections afforded by the statute in their billing statements and do not enter into a DPA. Customers must also receive not less than 30 days notice of the municipality's intent to relevel. Additionally, service termination for non-payment may resume upon the same 30 days notice, following the expiration of the State of Emergency or after December 31, 2021.

Under these amendments, the opportunity to enter into a DPA must be provided to both residential and small business customers. However, unlike the current statute, fees and penalties imposed on all delinquent charges incurred during the duration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency are specifically prohibited when a customer enters into a DPA. The DPA should be structured in accordance with Public Service Law § 37, which governs these types of agreements, but the term of the agreement may exceed the expiration of this legislation. Releveling during the DPA's term would not be permitted.

The legislation would provide the Department of Public Service with enforcement authority and enable the Department to adjudicate complaints and conduct investigations for violations of these provisions. Additionally, while the legislation and its expanded protections would continue to apply to utility corporations and municipalities providing gas and electric service, it would also be expanded to residential and small business telephone, cable television and broadband (including wireless) customers.

Questions regarding this legislation should be directed to NYCOM Deputy Executive Director Barbara Van Epps at Barbara@nycom.org or NYCOM Counsel Rebecca Ruscito at Rebecca@nycom.org.



From: Eric Wirth <ewirth@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 11:47 AM
To: Jeff Vidakovich
Subject: ZBA Recommendation to Trustees on Applicant

To: Cold Spring Trustees

Greetings. During an executive session at its meeting last night, the ZBA interviewed Marianne Remy, a Cold Spring resident who had applied for appointment to the vacant seat on the board.

Ms. Remy retired from a career in public health administration in 2019 and moved to Cold Spring then. She told the board that her reason for seeking the position is to become more involved in the community. The board members believe that her long experience as a supervisor in governmental health agencies makes her well qualified for fair and responsible decision making on the ZBA. Ms. Remy noted that, as a retiree, she has plenty of time for board duties.

The board members voted unanimously and enthusiastically to recommend that you appoint Ms. Remy to the vacant seat.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Wirth
Chair, Cold Spring ZBA
tel. 917-543-7454

Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Trustees Workshop
3-2-2021

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 6pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Heidi Bender, Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy. Also present was OIC Larry Burke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending legislation and to seek the advice of counsel (at 6:01pm). Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Foley made a motion to exit executive session (at 7:08pm). Trustee Bender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF DRAFT POLICE REFORM & REINVENTION PLAN

Trustee Foley summarized key items of the draft and noted that:

- Draft is expected to be released for public comment next week
- Plan includes the following key elements:
 - Village demographics
 - Village municipal structure
 - Police department staff and structure
 - Police department statistics
 - Primary police department areas of concern and ongoing efforts
 - Recent Village policing issues
 - Onboarding police policy
- Village has learned from coordination with Putnam County that:
 - There must be enough time given for substantive public review and comment
 - Stakeholders should not be siloed into interest groups and prevented from exchanging ideas
 - Stakeholders should have access to police department policies for review
- Resident survey questions are being uploaded onto Survey Monkey
- Community discussions will continue after submission of draft plan to NYS on 4-1-2021
- Tentative public meeting on the plan scheduled for 3-16-2021
- Survey proposed to be kept in the field through mid-May, then reviewed and analyzed by VBOT and stakeholder group

- Survey of broader community (Nelsonville, Philipstown, visitors) during the summer 2021
- Stakeholder group will make monthly reports to the Village Board and present findings/recommendations to the public
- Where policies have overlap with contractual items, the PBA will review as well
- Plan to be posted on Village website, with a link on the Village Facebook page, and a hard copy available at the Village Hall
- After public comment 3/16, the board will discuss any necessary edits on 3/23. If additional work is needed, time is reserved on the 3/25 meeting schedule
- Current milestones
 - Mid-March – release policy for public review and implementation of chapters in logical groupings. First chapters will be available for review by the VBOT by the end of the week
 - 3-9-2021 VBOT agrees on content of and release of draft plan for public comment
 - 3-16-2021 Public meeting
 - 3-23-2021 VBOT review of public comments and their possible inclusion
 - 3-25-2021 Final VBOT review

During the Board's discussion it was noted that:

- OIC Burke has been and will continue to be available to members of the community to discuss police policies or any other areas of concern

TOT'S PARK RE-OPENING PLAN

Trustee Bender summarized the plan and noted that:

- Draft plan has been submitted to the Recreation Commission for review and comment. Action on the plan is expected at their 3-16-2021 meeting with a recommendation to the VBOT
- Key plan elements include:
 - Hand sanitizing stations
 - Hand wipe stations
 - Social distancing
 - Signage
 - Maximum capacity limits and wait-list sign up
 - Time limits
 - Removal of some toys and equipment (that can't be easily or reliably sanitized)
 - Opening for the coming spring

DRAFT PANDEMIC OPERATION PLAN

NYS is issued a new law requiring all municipalities to develop a Pandemic Operation Plan for its employees. Plan to be implemented should a public health emergency involving a communicable disease be declared. The Village has prepared a draft plan with the following key provisions:

- List and description of positions considered essential

- Protocols for non-essential employees for working remotely
- Implementation of staggered shifts
- Procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Protocol should an employee be exposed
- Leave policy for employee testing, treatment, quarantine, etc.
- Protocols to document specific hours and work locations, including off-site visits for essential employees and contractors
- Protocols for emergency housing for essential employees impacted by the disease subject of the public health emergency
- Other NYSDOH requirements, such as testing and contact tracing

Trustee Early made a motion to adopt the plan. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mayor Merandy inquired about steps being taken to prevent “Zoom-bombing” (the high-jacking of a Zoom meeting by anonymous persons, usually inserting offensive materials and comments). The Village clerk is modifying Zoom meeting protocols (to prevent Zoom bombing). Zoom meeting host has the ability to remove any meeting attendee (at the Board’s direction)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eliza Starbuck noted her appreciation and support for all of the Board’s efforts (re: police policy reform, pandemic related issues and reopening of Tot’s Park)

Lloyd DesBrisay noted he continues to work on an illustration for the draft Fence chapter of the code update.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date

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

**Trustees Monthly Meeting
3-9-2021**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 7 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Heidi Bender, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

For the month of February 2021, OIC Burke noted that:

- There were 40 calls for service
- There were 31 tickets issued
- There have been several fraud incidents including scams relating to PPE and utility payment mostly targeting the elderly

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Ruthann Cullinan Barr noted for the month of February 2021 that:

- Board members, Trustee Bender and Tots Park committee members will do an on-site visit to Tots Park on Monday, 3-15-2021 to review the condition of the Park and Trustee Bender's proposal for reopening
- \$6,636.07 remains in the 2020/2021 repair budget
- A letter has been sent requesting a Community Work Detail from the Sheriff's department. Once granted, the Recreation Commission will outline the work needed and additional work required in addition to that performed by the work detail
- A wedding at the bandstand for Lina DeCesaris has been approved for 4-3-2021 from 4-5:30 pm
- The Putnam County Food and Wine Festival has applied for permission to hold an event at Mayor's Park on 8-7-21 and 8-8-2021. Trustees will review this request in April.
- First Presbyterian Church has requested permission to hold Easter Services at the Mayor's Park Pavilion on 4-2-2021 from 10 am – noon
- Teresa Peer has asked permission to hold a wedding ceremony at the Bandstand on 5-29-2021. As the date falls on the Memorial Day weekend, a police presence may be required as well as additional fees
- The Girl Scouts have enquired about holding their Bridging Ceremony at the Mayor's Park Pavilion in May or June
- The next Commission meeting to be held on 3-16-2021

Planning Board

None

Zoning Board of Appeals

Eric Wirth noted for February 2021 that:

- February 4 meeting: The ZBA opened a public hearing on an application at 212 Main Street to build an additional story on top of a non-conforming, free-standing garage. The application referred to a full story, which would require a variance, but it became clear in the hearing that the applicant would be satisfied with a half story, which is permitted by the code. The applicant's architect said he would revise the drawings so that the addition qualified as a half story. The hearing was left open pending receipt of the revised drawings.
- February 18 meeting: ZBA resumed the public hearing for 212 Main Street and reviewed the revised drawings for a new half story over the garage. The Board objected that the proposed ceiling height exceeded what the code allowed, while the architect argued that the code's definition of a half story was obscure. He agreed to revise the drawings further to comply with the ZBA's interpretation of the provision. The Board noted that the plan called for the new story to be wider than the first story. The new story thus would have overhangs that increased several preexisting dimensional non-conformities. To increase non-conformities during the alteration of a non-conforming building is contrary to §134-19H and so the overhangs will require a variance if the applicant retains them. The hearing was left open pending receipt of revised drawings.
- February 18 meeting: the property owners of 12 Benedict Road want to build a second story addition that would require a setback variance. The Board met with them informally to answer their questions about applying for a building permit

Historic District Review Board

Sean Conway noted that during the month of February 2021:

- HDRB met three times
- HDRB approved:
 - solar panel installation at 26 Main Street
 - enclosure of a rear porch at 5-7 Locust Ridge
 - exterior lighting plan outside the Wells Fargo Bank at 41-51 Chestnut Street
- HDRB met twice with architect Joe Thompson on behalf of the Butterfield developers about the two single family houses proposed at 61 and 63 Paulding Avenue and a public hearing has been scheduled for March 24th.
- For the March 10th monthly meeting, HDRB will meet with owner of 8 Kemble Avenue to review work on their front porch and will meet again with Joe Thompson
- Per suggestion of Trustee Early, HDRB met with Putnam County GIS Officer Arlene Owen to discuss the design of a new map of the Historic District, which aligns more closely with the

village zoning map she generated. HDRB is pleased with the quality (and speed) of her first draft and will meet with her again in March.

Cold Spring Fire Company

Trustee Foley read from a written report from the Fire Company for February 2021. It was noted that:

- There were four alarms:
 - 2 EMS assist
 - 1 Oil burner malfunction
 - 1 mutual aid to Continental Village for fire stand-by

Town of Philipstown

Bob Flaherty reported that:

- Town Hall renovations have picked up on the work, new siding is being installed and new water line was installed. We approved a few change orders. We are unsure as to the time frame that we will be open, but schedule is looking at early this year to be complete and move back is scheduled for April 1st.
- New Town Garage: we approved the new fueling station as that isn't part of the bid package. We should be ready before the end of this month to send out for bid.
- Highway is getting two new Dodge Ram 5500 smaller dump trucks
- Contracts with Both Garrison & Philipstown Ambulance Corp have been worked out.
- Working with Putnam County on having a Covid-19 Vaccination Center here in Philipstown at the Rec Center where there is a lot of room for social distance. There was a POD today and I was able to get a vaccine. Went very smoothly. Also, Drug World has been using the North Highlands Fire Co. #1 as a POD. Both sites have been very busy when the vaccine is available.
- Garrison Golf Club had their first meeting with the planning board to begin the transfer over to Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. We expect this to take 9 to 11 months. We plan on adding additional planning board meetings just to handle this project. We did a site visit on 1/24/2021 and another one is scheduled for 2/14/2021 at 9:30 am. Over 70 people came out for this. As you know this is a very large project and it will have some impacts, such as traffic, water usage, additional 20 room hotel, 30 plus room for artist to stay in, widening the road that enters off Snake Hill, parking and lighting. They have a very good team in place which I am confident will be able to provide all that is required to make this work. This is a phased project which will take place over several years.
- We passed a resolution to publish an RFP for solar power to be installed on the roof of the Rec Center. It has taken some time to get to this point, but we're hopeful that before the year is out we'll have this up and running. We've received 2 proposals from SunPower and Deep Green. We're scheduling a workshop for 3-24-2021 via Zoom.

- Krystal Ford has taken on Roberto Muller's role as the Climate Smart Coordinator. We're now certified Bronze Partner.
- We had a discussion regarding the Garrison Post office about an issue that comes up every year. The residents who live nearby have many valid complaints about trucks coming in at 4am, backup alarms going on, releasing the air breaks, and it's just very noisy. We're trying to work with Post Office and other delivery companies, such as Amazon, but there is no easy solution here.
- Planning, Zoning and Conservation Boards are all meeting via Zoom.
- We're looking for anyone who would be interested in joining the board of Assessment Review

Chamber of Commerce

COC chair Eliza Starbuck noted that:

- The 2-23-2021 meeting went very well and a video is available on the COC website
- COC would like to receive regular reports from the Parking Committee
- Next Zoom breakfast meeting is scheduled for 3-23-2021. Main topic will be review of draft Town Plan
- COC has met with Trustees Bender and Foley to discuss a campaign to encourage visitors' "best behavior"
- E. Starbuck read a letter (to the VBOT) requesting a line item in the upcoming, and future, budgets to fund cleaning and sanitizing of the restrooms at the foot of Main Street, so they may be safely opened. The letter was co-signed by many community groups and suggests funding for an attendant to be present on selected days for selected hours to clean and sanitize as necessary. Based upon research of custodial firms, the cost for the remainder of the calendar year would be \$16-17K.
- During the discussion of this matter:
 - Mayor Merandy commented that there is already funding in place as part of the Highway Department budget
 - COC contended that even pre-COVID, the Highway Departments efforts were insufficient to meet the high volume of use
 - Mayor Merandy asked whether the COC could raise additional funds.
 - COC repeated the contention, expressed in their letter, that maintenance of the public restrooms is a municipal responsibility

Parking Committee –None

Tree Advisory Board (TAB)

In a written report for the month of February 2021, TAB Chair Jennifer Zwarich noted that:

- TAB held its monthly public meeting on 3-3-2021
- Dormant Season Pruning: training our stock of approximately 75 of our youngest village trees. Pruning work is to be done by TAB board member volunteers and will improve the longevity of our community forest as well as save the Village money in the future by encouraging trees to develop good basic structure that will require less corrective pruning at older stages of growth.
- Spring Planting Planning: We have tentative plans in the works for planting 3-4 trees this spring, depending upon Highway Department approval and schedule
- Arbor Day Planning: we would like the Board's permission to plan a small outdoor ceremony marking Arbor Day on Friday April 30th at the site of one of the newly planted trees
- Snowstorm Damage to Tree Guards: We have documented the damage done by the snow clearing contractor to Main Street tree pit guards during the recent winter storm and are collecting quotes to submit with a Village insurance claim. We should have this submitted to the Village Clerk later this week. The damage is in the several thousand dollar range. To prevent this from happening again, we will work with the Highway Department to install high-visibility markers on the corners of the guards in December of each year. The TAB has some markers purchased by a private donation, but not nearly enough of them.
- Mature Tree Pruning and Stumps: We are planning a spring pruning before May 31st to a small number of mature trees on our pruning list using the remaining funds in the FY2020/21 budget line. There may also be stump grinding of the stump in the tree pit in front of Village Hall, if sufficient funds remain. A new tree can't be planted until the stump is removed.
- Tree Management Plan Updates: Ongoing work continues to update the Tree Management Plan to reflect recent changes to the tree inventory and a draft will be submitted for review

WATER DEPARTMENT

In a written report Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of February 2021:

- Reservoir status is at 94.13% capacity
- Flow to System is 6.16 MG/220 k/day (a 19.17% decrease from 2020)
- 2018 Flow to System was 8.06 MG/260 k/day
- Monthly rainfall: 5.90"
- Bacteria Lab Test: All routine bacteriological samples were found in good standing
- Filtration Unit Rehabilitation: Recovery Environmental Services and Westech/Fleet have been onsite for evaluations in the past month. Quotes pending.
- Initial PFOS/PFOA Sampling: First set of samples collected 2-22-21. Results pending
- Catskill DEP Project: Sparse communication with DEP since 1-17-2021 conversations. Have spoken with Vincent Perrin (Putnam County DOH) about securing backup water sources as well as addressing other conditions pertaining to the aqueduct connection

- **Badger Endpoint Upgrade:** Badger has informed the Village that their CDMA Endpoint Technology support will be discontinued in January 2022. A large part of our system includes these endpoints and they will need to be updated to LTE-M Endpoints. *Trustee Early noted that there are about 850 units that will require an upgrade at a cost of approximately \$45 each, for parts for a total estimated cost of \$35K + labor and this work must be completed by the end of the year.*

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

In a written report Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of February 2021:

- Plant inflow was 5.980 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 210K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 97.08% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 96.74% removal
- Sludge Hauled Offsite: 46,000 gallons
- **Annual infiltration and intrusion (I & I):** Quote received from Cook to clean and inspect the "E-2" section of the collection system (required by SPDES permit). Earthcare will submit a quote. Herring Sanitation has declined to submit a quote. Project tentatively scheduled for April/May
- **Additional Sludge Hauling:** Additional hauling was required due to impact of snow storm
- **Wastewater Facility and Pump Station Inspections:** Putnam County DOH conducted an inspection on 3-4-2021.
- **Potable Water Leak on Waste Water Treatment Facility Grounds:** line was isolated and drained back as sprayers not currently in use. Repairs to be made in warmer weather
- **Hach Service Agreement:** There were issues with the field Dissolved Oxygen Probe, which was repaired (at no additional cost)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In a written report the department noted that for the month of February 2021:

- 8 new building permit applications were received
- 2 building permits were issued
- 0 operating permits were issued
- 1 dumpster permit was issued
- 2 Certificates of Occupancy were issued
- 8 record searches were completed
- 4 complaints were received
- 8 inspections were completed
- 15 fire inspections were completed

- 4 referrals to the HDRB were made
- 1 referral to the ZBA were made
- 0 referrals to the CSPB were made
- \$725 in application and permit fees were collected
- \$600 in record search fees were collected
- \$550 in fire inspection fees were collected
- \$30 in other fees were collected

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Crew Chief Robert Downey noted that during the month of February 2021:

- 38.02 tons of garbage were picked up
- 18.51 tons of recyclables were picked up
- There were seven snow storms and one ice storm totaling 31" resulting in extra efforts for snow removal
- New chute bushings and fuel filter installed on Bobcat
- New hydraulic lines fabricated for truck chute on snow thrower attachment
- New headlight installed on plow for 2019 F-250
- Multiple electrical repairs made to the plow and spreader for 2016 F-350
- Hatfield Brothers repaired broken air line on 1988 International dump truck
- Fouled fuel injector replaced on 2003 International garbage truck
- Work in March to include: pothole filling, street cleaning and assessing catch basins in Village

Per request of Trustee Early, reinstallation of benches to be postponed until the end of March (in case of a late season storm).

JUSTICE COURT

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of February 2021:

- \$1,600 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$1,825 in parking fines were collected
- \$25 in civil fees were collected
- \$708 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There were 0 Penal Law charges
- There were 13 Vehicle & Traffic Law charges
- There was 1 Civil charges

REPORT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Murphy has distributed copies of the Police Reform and Reinvention survey to Board members for comment.

Trustee Murphy has met with OIC Burke to discuss new fines related to code chapter 126??

Trustee Early has been unable to reach SeaStreak regarding their schedule of visits to Cold Spring. The website currently doesn't list any.

Trustee Early plans to submit \$9,000 reimbursement request to Greenway for Code Update work

Regarding the Parking Committee, Mayor Merandy noted that:

- The committee has met four times
- Two parking app companies have been interviewed, so far, with a third pending
- Committee has discussed issues related to Village parking permits

RESOLUTION 06-2021 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PUTNAM CO. REAL PROPERTY FOR PREPARATION OF 2021 VILLAGE TAX ROLL AN BILLS

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Early for adoption and seconded by Trustee Foley to wit:

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Real Property Tax Service has tendered a proposed contract to the Village providing for certain services in regard to preparation of the Village's tax roll and bills; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to enter the said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village Board does approve the proposed contract, a copy of which is attached hereto; and
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and any documents necessary for its implementation.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted:	AYE
Trustee Heidi Bender voted:	ABSTAIN
Trustee Kathleen E. Foley voted:	AYE
Trustee Fran Murphy voted:	AYE
Mayor Dave Merandy voted:	AYE

Resolution officially adopted on 3-9-2021by a vote of 4-1.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ROBERT NEWHALL

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept the resignation of Highway Department employee Robert Newhall. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Early made a motion to approve Batch #5937 in the amount of \$47,565.83. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 2-16-2021as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 2-18-2021 as submitted. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0-1-0 (H. Bender abstained).

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 2-23-2021as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 2-25-2021 as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

During the discussion it was noted that:

- A third version of the draft plan has been circulated among the trustees with Mayor Merandy's comments. This draft does not include references to recent hate crimes. Some trustees wish to include past history and others do not.
- Draft includes data points gathered from past monthly police department reports
- Trustee Bender insists that mention of Scott Morris should be included in the draft to provide context. A discussion ensued about whether the draft plan should provide a recent history (which would include mention of Morris) or whether it is a " plan of action" indicating how the Village will proceed (with no mention of past history).
- Trustee Foley read aloud a compromise paragraph
- Trustees reviewed the draft Google document to reconcile Board member comments

Trustee Foley made a motion to release the draft plan for public review prior to the public meeting on 3-16-21. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-1, with Trustee Bender voting "no."

OLD BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Turton, Highlands Current, asked whether the 3-16-2021 meeting was a “hearing” or a “meeting.” *Trustee Foley confirmed that it is a meeting.*

Sean Conway, commented upon the lack of information made available to communities in other towns and villages in the county (re: the police reform policy) and suggested that this should not be the case in Cold Spring. *OIC Burke commented that he and the police department will listen to anyone who wishes to speak with them.*

Eliza Starbuck thanked the Board for its efforts on the many difficult issues before it. Regarding the process for the police reform document, she suggested the Village should do more than “just check off the boxes” and respond to the spirit of the NYS order

Heather Smith asked whether there will be a public survey regarding reopening of the public restrooms on Main Street. She believes this is important to the Village and would like to see steps taken to achieve a reopening.

Archie Brody said he has volunteered to clean the public restrooms and that even before COVID, they were not always open during the specified days and times and when they were open were not always in usable condition. This condition has been exacerbated by COVID.

Dave Marzollo thanked the Board for its efforts and is looking forward to the public meeting about police reform policy. He singled out OIC Burke for his efforts. Regarding public restrooms, Marzollo asked whether a past suggestion for restroom facilities at Little Stony Point was still a possibility.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion was passed unanimously at 9:36 pm

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date

Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Public Meeting
3-16-2021

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:30pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Heidi Bender, Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy. Also in attendance were OIC Larry Burke and Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT OF THE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION PLAN

Mayor Merandy made introductory comments and read portions of the Governor's executive order and also read selected portions of the draft plan. He noted that:

- The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to listen to comments about the draft plan and that there would be no discussion of the plan
- Only comments from Village residents would be heard at this meeting (but that there would be opportunities at a later date when comments from persons outside the Village would be heard.)

Gretchen Dykstra, 8 Garden St., commended the Trustees and police department on their work. She urged the police department to report in monthly meetings on previous year's data as well as current data to provide context and illustrate any trends. She also commented that important information from board meetings should be shared through village web or social media; and, that village employees should survey village residents – are we shoveling snow, etc? "We're all in this together"

Karen Jackson, 13 Constitution Dr., asked for the location of the survey. Board members responded that the survey has not been released yet.

Sean Conway, 18 Morris Ave., asked:

- How binding is the plan once submitted?
- Can changes be made without resubmittal of the plan?
- Does the executive order require any follow-up?

The Board responded that the executive order provides very little guidance and structure, that the work laid out in the plan doesn't end on April 1st, but will be an ongoing process and that no follow-up is mentioned in the order

Tara Vamos, 6 Rock St., stated that she is:

- Excited about the plan and looks forward to participating
- Glad that visitor input will be included

- Commends the police department

Mike Turton, Highlands Current 142 Main St., asked whether there will be additional meetings for the general public in addition to those planned for stakeholder groups. The Board responded that stakeholder meetings (called for in the plan) would be public, but that there would also be additional general public meetings. These meetings will be posted on the Village website, Village Facebook page and in local newspapers.

Sean Conway, 18 Morris Ave., questioned the methods planned to distribute the survey. After a brief discussion, Mayor Merandy noted that the Board has adopted what it believes to be the most appropriate method to distribute the survey and that this discussion fell outside the scope of the meeting.

Karen Jackson, 13 Constitution Dr., agreed with the Board's decision to limit the initial survey to Village residents.

Michael Bender, 11 Constitution Dr., asked what the police department's jurisdiction is. The board responded that it is the Village only. He also commented that since business owners are taking survey what about regular visitors who are not residents? Trustee Foley explained that the initial data gathering will be from residents and village business owners only, and that surveys from neighboring community members and visitors would be developed at a later stage.

Eri Taylorson, 2 Depot Sq., asked whether there will be opportunities for visitors to have a say in stakeholder groups. The Board responded that stakeholders would only be residents.

Karen Jackson, 13 Constitution Dr., asked whether water/sewer list could be used to identify residents to receive the survey. The Board responded that would not be suitable as those bills are sent to property owners, who are not necessarily residents. She suggested that flyers could be distributed to each home and the Board agreed that would be a good approach.

The public comment period will be held open until the close of business on Friday, March 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 7:17 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date