



# VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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**Board of Trustees Workshop**  
**Village Hall, 85 Main Street**  
**Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

*The Board of Trustees values input from the Village community. Please keep your remarks to three minutes or less, and address them to the Board. Disparaging remarks will not be allowed; please be neighborly.*

1. Opportunity to Request a Vote to Add/Modify Agenda Items
2. Announcements
3. Workshop Topic: Discussion on SeaStreak 2022 Season
4. Public Comment Period I
  - Reserved for comments on the primary workshop topic and open agenda items
5. Approve Hiring of Veronika Bilinski as Parking Enforcement Officer (\$17/hour)
6. Appointment of Chairperson for Ad Hoc Committee on Short-Term Rentals
7. Request to Purchase Village Owned Property
8. Approval of Minutes – 4/6
9. Approval of Bills (Current Year) – Batch #: 6504 Amount: \$ 38,480.87
10. Approval of Bills (Prior Year) – Batch #: 6503 Amount: \$ 104,315.36
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in-person at Village Hall (85 Main Street) or via Videoconference pursuant to Executive Order 11.6 of 2022. To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88983853791?pwd=NG1RWU5VVG9RVTRZaStQaW9kMXBMZz09>

Or by phone: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 889 8385 3791

Passcode: 365616

**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORKSHOP ON SEASTREAK CRUISES, 6/15/2022**

**TO DATE**

- **Mayor Foley & Trustee Starbuck met 6/3/2022 with Seastreak representatives**
  - Seastreak confirmed their request to run autumn weekend tours again, only Saturdays and Sundays, from September 17 through November 13.
  - They are also interested in exploring the possibility of running summer weekday tours on Wednesdays and/or Fridays, from July 1 through September 16.
- **Village Board Meeting 6.8.2022 Trustee Starbuck requested VBOT workshop** to discuss schedule options, resident concerns, benefits, etc. for Wednesday, June 15.

**WORKSHOP GOALS**

- Identify community concerns and impacts from boats
- Preserve critical village revenue from docking fees
- Balance value of revenue with community concerns and impacts from boats
- Determine next steps for Seastreak negotiations

**DISCUSSION**

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**Resident Concerns**

- Village already has heavy summer and weekend traffic, increasingly it feels active on the waterfront all year round
- Overall tourism traffic in the village can be overwhelming on peak days, making Main Street commercial area and surrounding residential streets feel crowded; boats seem to add to this
- Residents do not see/feel/understand the value (of the revenue) to the Village and how it impacts their quality of life
- Docked boats obstruct the waterfront view

**Benefits**

- Docking fees provide critical, significant revenue to offset Village expenses and taxpayer burden.
- Provides local businesses with customers that do not add to parking shortages
- Supports a vibrant Main Street business district, which makes the Village a desirable place to live and, in turn, increases residential property values.

**Proposals to Balance Benefits and Mitigate Impacts**

1. **Limit the number of boats per day to one.** (In the past there had been times when 2 boats came in one day, making the Village feel overwhelmed for about 8 hours straight).
2. **Limit number of passengers that may disembark.** (In the past, Seastreak was permitted to disembark as many as 800 passengers, which would add to the feeling of overcrowding. Reducing that number by half during Covid made a noticeable difference).
3. **Limit boats remaining docked** on weekends, and require them to dock at West Point or another stop on summer weekday tours between passenger drop offs and pickups.
4. **Limit summer tour dates, ending the weekday schedule in August** to give residents a break in early September when the Village is relatively quiet.

## VCS Clerk

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**From:** Larry Burke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:47 PM  
**To:** VCS Clerk  
**Subject:** Hiring for Parking Enforcement Officer

I am requesting to hire Veronika Bilinski for the parking enforcement officer position. Veronika comes highly recommended by the Putnam County Sheriff's office where she was in the cadet program. Through that program she became familiar with police work and policy. She is a highly motivated person and would be an asset to the Village.

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## Neighbors at 14 & 16

14 & 16 Stone Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516  
603-801-3962

Mayor and Village Clerk  
85 Main Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516

June 9, 2022

Dear Mayor Foley and Village Clerk Vidakovich:

We the undersigned are contacting you to request your guidance on how we might best offer to purchase a small amount of village property at the front of our residences.

As it is understood from a survey, the village property line is at the west brick face of our two homes. To the west of the facade are the front steps to our homes, a walkway that allows access to our basements and a retaining wall.

The area that is currently used for egress to both of our homes on village property is comprised of badly assembled materials and is plagued with water incursion issues. The area is nearing the point of failure which will not only affect our homes but also the village sidewalk and roadway.

We would like to save the village the expense and exhaustion of its resources by offering to purchase this area and repair it appropriately at our own expense. Please advise on how best to proceed.

Warm Regards,

Beth Sigler

Paul Henderson

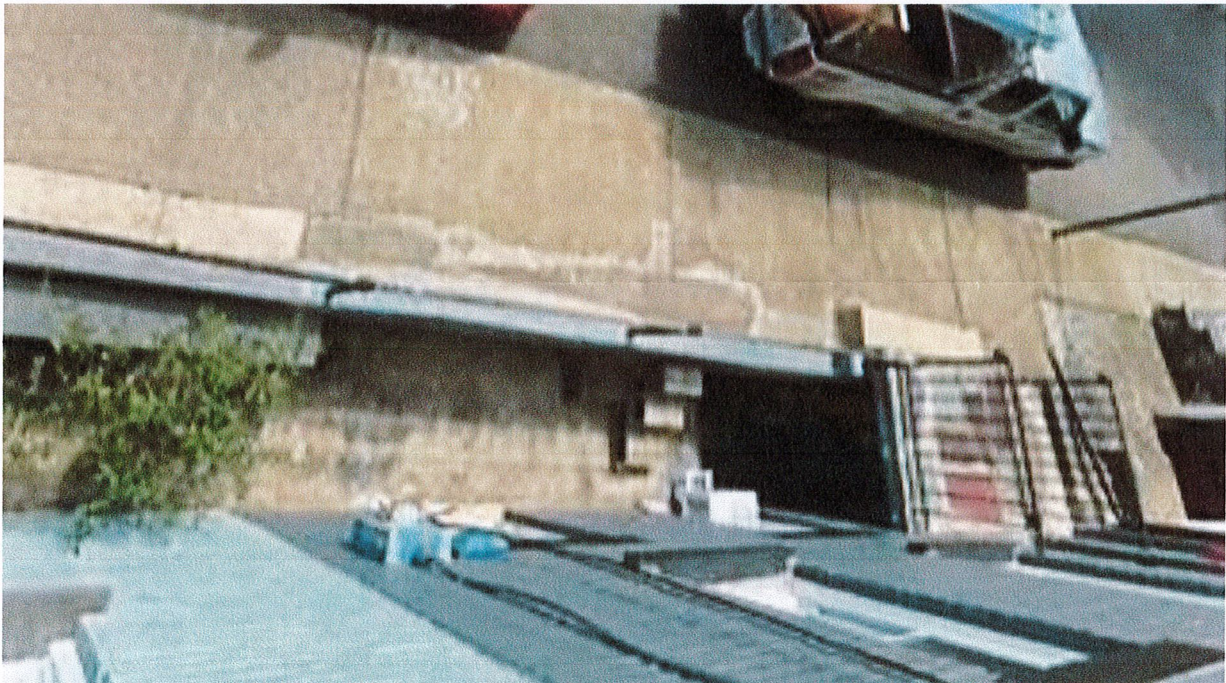
Mahalia Fyfe

Travis Fyfe

14 Stone Street



16 Stone Street





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**Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday April 6, 2022 via videoconference as per Executive Order 11.4. Present were Deputy Mayor Tweeps Phillips Woods, Trustees Joe Curto, Cathryn Fadde and Eliza Starbuck. Mayor Kathleen E. Foley was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Deputy Mayor Woods.

**Announcements**

T. Woods reminded the public that comments should be held until the Public Comment sessions and are limited to 3 minutes.

T. Woods announced that Royal Carting extended the deadline for swapping garbage/recycling carts to May 15<sup>th</sup>. After May 15, 2022 there will be a \$25 fee.

**Budget Discussion**

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo reviewed changes made to the FY 2022-23 Budget since the previous meeting:

- General Fund
  - \$3,500 revenue added for Altice Technology Grant
  - Expense for Locational cameras (\$8,500) eliminated
  - \$5,000 for Public Health-Contractual added for a police training program with Philipstown Behavioral Hub
  - \$2,000 added for costs related to the maintenance of public restrooms
- Water and Sewer Funds
  - No changes
- Tax Rate increase at 1.99%
  - J. Curto challenged the Board to get the increase down to 1.89%
- Public Hearing scheduled for 4/13/2022

Public Comment on Budget - None

**Breakneck Ridge**

T. Woods stated that the Town of Philipstown has passed a resolution requesting that the Metro-North Station at Breakneck Ridge remain closed until the Fjord Trail is closer to opening to help minimize the strain on first responders who are continually called upon to rescue inexperienced and ill-prepared hikers.

- C. Fadde asked what had happened to the Trail Stewards at the start of the hiking trails previously employed by the NYS Parks Department? J. Curto commented that the Stewards are not effective for people getting off at Breakneck Ridge station as it bypasses the Stewards location.
- E. Starbuck commented that if the Breakneck Station is closed that it will create more foot traffic through the Village as hikers will need to get off the train in Cold Spring, which will increase the strain on Village resources and infrastructure.

The Board unanimously agreed to the drafting of a resolution in support of the continued closure of the Breakneck Ridge Station

### **Visitor Center Bathrooms**

The Board discussed the schedule and responsibilities for maintaining the public restrooms at the Visitors Center.

- T. Woods commented that the Village is now a year-round destination for visitors and should consider options for having the bathrooms open year-round
- J. Curto recommended that the bathrooms be opened upon completion of repairs and that the status quo be maintained for 30 days while the Village explores maintenance options
- E. Starbuck will ask the Chamber of Commerce if they are willing to continue with the previous agreement for 30 days

### **Board Business**

#### **Fireman's Service Award**

T. Woods made a motion to approve the final listing for the Fireman's Service Award. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (K. Foley absent)

### **Project Updates**

- Firehouse Repairs: Per J. Curto, mold remediation in the Firehouse basement has been completed
- Fjord Trail Community Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for 5/25. Location TBD
- Subway: T. Woods stated that she and K. Foley met with representatives of Metro-North to tour the subway underpass and identify items that are in need of repair. MTA expressed willingness to work with the Village to address the issues.

### **Approval of Bills**

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6413 in the amount of \$25,083.73. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (K. Foley absent)

### **Public Comment**

Mike Turton of the Highlands Current inquired as to the status of negotiations with Seastreak for the 2022 season. E. Starbuck responded that there are no updates to report at this time.

### **Adjournment**

T. Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.