



## VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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**Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Opportunity to request vote to Add/Modify Agenda
4. Announcements
5. Reports from Village Departments
  - a. Accountant
  - b. Roadways & Facilities
  - c. Water & Wastewater
  - d. Code Enforcement
  - e. Police Department
  - f. Fire Company
  - g. Justice Court
6. Reports from the Standing Boards & Committees
  - a. Historic District Review Board
  - b. Planning Board
  - c. Zoning Board of Appeals
  - d. Tree Advisory Board
  - e. Recreation Commission
7. Updates/News from Municipal and Government Partners
8. Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees
9. Adjournment

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in-person at Village Hall (85 Main Street) or via Videoconference pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022. To join the Zoom Meeting:

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

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KATHLEEN E. FOLEY, MAYOR

TWEEPS PHILLIPS WOODS, DEPUTY MAYOR  
LAURA BOZZI, TRUSTEE  
AARON FREIMARK, TRUSTEE  
ELIZA STARBUCK, TRUSTEE

JEFF VIDA KOVICH, CLERK, TREASURER  
MICHELLE ASCOLILLO, ACCOUNTANT  
LARRY BURKE, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE  
MATTHEW KROOG, WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT DOWNEY JR, HIGHWAY DEP'T CREW CHIEF

### Financial Highlights – Jan 10, 2024

- Currently working on year end tax filings (W2s, 1099s, etc)
- Budget process will start in early February
- Quarterly Financial Statements (plus one month) are attached. They show year to date expenses through Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, as well as estimated projections for the next five months. Items to note:
  - Projections for the General Fund Revenue versus Expenses for FY23-24 are showing that Total Expenses will be approx. \$12K MORE THAN revenues.
    - This is down from \$43K four months ago
  - General Fund Revenue:
    - Overall, projections show under budget by approx. \$79K NET
      - Unrealized Items:
        - Occupancy Tax – \$24K loss, assumes start date after 5/31
        - Parking Lot – assumes \$25K loss for 40 Main St
        - Parking Meters – assumes \$99K loss & start date mid April for 6 Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays
        - STR Permits - \$3K loss, assumes start date after 5/31
      - Unbudgeted Revenue Received of note:
        - Bank Interest – projected increase due to unusually high bank rates
          - \$30K over budget
        - Sale of Real Property of 37 Fair St – received \$20,748
          - Projections include \$3k of other small parcels
        - Parking Waivers – received \$3,2500 – assumes no more for the year
        - Residential Parking Permits – assumed \$14K for sale of 350 permits
  - General Fund Expenses:
    - Overall, projections show under budget by approx. \$67K NET
    - Projected Savings of note:
      - Health Insurance rates decreased 2.7% in July combined with changes in personnel yield an approx. savings of \$14,577. Rates are budgeted to increase 12% in January. Rate has increased 9-10% for those without

Medicare and approx. 22% for those with Medicare. However, with all factors and staffing changes, projected savings of \$26K

- Parking Meter/Credit Card fees of about \$14K due to delayed implementation
- \$10,800 for delayed Granicus/STR software implementation
- Prosecuting Attorney has been providing less hours of service than in original proposal approx. \$9K projected savings
- Personnel Services:
  - Highway Dept salaries are 62% spent, excluding snow wages and including recreation. Should be at 58% spent, which is a variance of approx. \$9,000.
    - This variance hasn't changed since last projection
    - If snow is milder this winter, it would offset the time spent dealing with unexpected rain events
  - Parking Enforcement wages will have savings as 2 PEOs were budgeted for at longer hours, but currently only one is employed.
  - All other wage categories are on track.
- Projected areas of increased expense
  - Insurance - Liability insurance overall has increased more than anticipated, specifically the cyber category in \$4k over budget
  - Engineering contractual is currently spent at the budgeted amount, projected to spend \$24K
    - Some charges could potentially become FEMA reimbursable at 75%
  - Attorney Contractual is currently spent at \$37K through Oct 31<sup>st</sup> services (\$58K thru Nov 30<sup>th</sup> services)
    - Projecting total spend of approx. \$125K
  - Parking signage and post projected to be \$7K over budget
  - Code Update completion was over budget by \$8K
- Fund Balance Allocation
  - \$300,000 was budgeted for
    - - 9,000 for Village Planner
      - \$10,875 spent
    - - 11,000 for Storm Drains
      - Projecting all to be spent
    - -37,500 for Engineering (including 12,500 for DOS grant)
      - Projecting total spend of \$49K, excluding grant
    - - 3,000 misc resurfacing
      - \$2,850 spent
    - - 239,500 Village Wide Misc Repairs budgeted, spent below:
      - - 78,113 for Contracted sidewalks
      - - 7,553 at Village Hall furniture, paint, basement insulation
      - - 23,422 parking kiosks
      - - 3,800 labor server upgrades
      - - 31,281 for work on Failed Pipe near Visitor's Center
        - Potential 75% reimbursement from FEMA

- – 3,250 for subway mural
    - – 19,851 for Tahoe upfitting
  - Subtotals
    - 73,635 of 60,500 spent
    - 167,720 of 239,500 spent
      - Dock lights & Fair St items still pending
    - Leaves approximately \$59K of the \$300k, which should have been for other Village wide projects, covering the overages/loss of revenue noted above
  - Additional Possible areas for reduced expenses:
    - Snow Removal/Gas/Oil/Non-CCA electric are items that we don't know what the weather will bring or what the winter rates will be
    - \$5K in contingency funding that may not be needed

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General Fund YTD 12/31/23 Revenue Projections FY23-24

Account	Descriptions	Budget	YTD 12/31/23	YTD Realized	5 Month Proj	Total Proj Realized	Proj (Over)/Under Budge	Total Proj % Realiz
A00-1001-000	Real Property Taxes	1,842,540.00	1,849,878.88	100.4%	(7,338.88)	1,842,540.00	-	100%
A00-1001-100	Real Property Tax-Firemans Service Award	16,640.00	16,309.41	98.0%	330.59	16,640.00	-	100%
A00-1001-101	Other-Firemans Service Awards	15,360.00	6,240.00	40.6%	9,120.00	15,360.00	-	100%
A00-1090-000	Int & Penalties: Real Property Tax	11,000.00	4,530.29	41.2%	5,797.84	10,328.13	671.87	94%
A00-1113-000	Occupancy Tax	24,157.00	-	0.0%	-	-	24,157.00	0%
A00-1170-000	Franchises	38,088.00	12,506.67	32.8%	25,581.33	38,088.00	-	100%
A00-1520-000	Police Fees	30.00	50.00	166.7%	-	50.00	(20.00)	167%
A00-1560-000	Bldg/Fire: Permit Fees	18,000.00	16,918.35	94.0%	5,000.00	21,918.35	(3,918.35)	122%
A00-1603-000	Vital Statistic Fees	1,800.00	1,146.00	63.7%	654.00	1,800.00	-	100%
A00-1721-000	Parking Lots & Garages: Non-Tax	30,551.00	2,056.97	6.7%	3,494.03	5,551.00	25,000.00	18%
A00-1741-000	Parking Meter Fees	196,679.00	39,056.54	19.9%	49,788.00	88,844.54	107,834.46	45%
A00-2001-000	Park & Rec Charges	850.00	-	0.0%	-	-	850.00	0%
A00-2110-000	Zoning Fees	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00	100.00	-	100%
A00-2115-000	Planning Board Fees	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00	100.00	-	100%
A00-2130-000	Refuse & Garbage Charges	17,290.00	8,994.70	52.0%	1,508.40	10,503.10	6,786.90	61%
A00-2189-110	Income from sale of recycling material	-	293.55	100.0%	-	293.55	(293.55)	100%
A00-2189-120	Historic District Review Board: Application Fee	620.00	330.00	53.2%	290.00	620.00	-	100%
A00-2262-001	Fire Protection Service: Phillipstown	56,192.00	-	0.0%	53,983.48	53,983.48	2,208.52	96%
A00-2262-002	Fire Protection Service: Nelsonville	31,452.00	33,333.37	106.0%	-	33,333.37	(1,881.37)	106%
A00-2401-000	Interest & Earnings	1,000.00	22,745.77	2274.6%	9,000.00	31,745.77	(30,745.77)	3175%
A00-2410-000	Rent of Property: Taxes	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.0%	-	12,000.00	-	100%
A00-2590-000	Permits/Waivers: Vend, Parking & Other	28,464.00	1,065.00	3.7%	32,000.00	33,065.00	(4,601.00)	116%
A00-2590-002	Parking Waiver Fees	-	3,250.00	100.0%	-	3,250.00	(3,250.00)	100%
A00-2590-003	Parking Permits	4,000.00	-	0.0%	14,409.50	14,409.50	(10,409.50)	360%
A00-2590-004	STR Permits	3,000.00	-	0.0%	-	-	3,000.00	0%
A00-2610-000	Fines & Foreited Bail	77,000.00	51,794.40	67.3%	30,000.00	81,794.40	(4,794.40)	106%
A00-2660-000	Sales of Real Property	-	20,748.00	100.0%	3,000.00	23,748.00	(23,748.00)	100%
A00-2665-000	Sales of Equipment	18,000.00	-	0.0%	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	100%
A00-2701-000	Refund of Prior Yr Expenditures	-	3,121.24	100.0%	-	3,121.24	(3,121.24)	100%
A00-2770-000	Miscellaneous Revenues	-	1,696.98	100.0%	-	1,696.98	(1,696.98)	100%
A00-3001-000	St. Revenue Sharing (Per Capita)	16,537.00	-	0.0%	16,537.00	16,537.00	-	100%
A00-3005-000	Mortgage Tax	31,000.00	12,439.00	40.1%	15,000.00	27,439.00	3,561.00	89%
A00-3089-410	STATE AID: NYSERDA	-	6,438.49	100.0%	-	6,438.49	(6,438.49)	100%
A00-3097-000	State Aid - Capital Projects	125,000.00	-	0.0%	73,000.00	73,000.00	52,000.00	58%
A00-3501-000	Consolidated Highway Aid (CHIPS)	309,537.00	-	0.0%	-	-	309,537.00	0%
A00-3501-100	CHIPS PAVE NY	49,435.00	-	0.0%	-	-	49,435.00	0%
A00-5031-000	Interfund Transfers	300,000.00	-	0.0%	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	100%
A00-5031-100	Interfund Transfer: Water	18,000.00	-	0.0%	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	100%
A00-5031-200	Interfund Transfer: Sewer	18,000.00	-	0.0%	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	100%
	<b>Report Totals</b>	<b>3,312,422.00</b>	<b>2,126,943.61</b>	<b>64.2%</b>	<b>695,355.29</b>	<b>2,822,298.90</b>	<b>490,123.10</b>	<b>85%</b>

General Fund YTD 12/31/23 Expense Projections FY23-24

Account	Descriptions	Budget	YTD 12/31/23	YTD Exp	5 Month Proj	Total Proj Spend	Proj (Over)/Under Budget	Total Proj % Spend
A00-1010-100	Board of Trustees: Personal Services	30,332.00	17,693.76	58.3%	12,638.24	30,332.00	-	100.0%
A00-1010-400	Board Of Trustees: Contractual	1,700.00	95.00	5.6%	1,605.00	1,700.00	-	100.0%
A00-1010-445	Board of Trustees: Computer Support	1,170.00	580.00	49.6%	590.00	1,170.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-100	Village Justice: Personal Services	12,870.00	7,507.50	58.3%	5,362.50	12,870.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-110	Court Clerk: Personal Services	55,680.00	30,151.84	54.2%	25,528.16	55,680.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-400	Justice: Contractual	1,500.00	122.85	8.2%	1,377.15	1,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-410	Justice: Books & Publications	200.00	-	0.0%	200.00	200.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-420	Justice: Continuing Education	320.00	-	0.0%	170.00	170.00	150.00	53.1%
A00-1110-430	Justice: Dockets & Journals	175.00	-	0.0%	175.00	175.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-440	Justice: Office Supplies	1,200.00	434.35	36.2%	765.65	1,200.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-450	Justice: Postage	1,200.00	-	0.0%	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-460	Justice: Software Fees	200.00	75.00	37.5%	275.00	350.00	(150.00)	175.0%
A00-1110-470	Justice: Stationary & Other Print	500.00	155.40	31.1%	344.60	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-1110-480	Justice: Telephone	864.00	420.92	48.7%	443.08	864.00	-	100.0%
A00-1210-100	Mayor: Personal Services	13,296.00	7,756.00	58.3%	5,540.00	13,296.00	-	100.0%
A00-1210-110	Deputy Mayor: Personal Services	1,094.00	638.12	58.3%	455.88	1,094.00	-	100.0%
A00-1210-400	Mayor: Contractual	750.00	-	0.0%	750.00	750.00	-	100.0%
A00-1320-400	Auditor: Contractual	7,500.00	6,000.00	80.0%	1,500.00	7,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-1322-100	Accountant: Personal Services	70,090.00	35,124.38	50.1%	34,965.62	70,090.00	-	100.0%
A00-1325-400	Accountant: Contractual	2,000.00	36.71	1.8%	1,963.29	2,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-1340-100	Budget Officer: Personal Services	2,500.00	1,458.31	58.3%	1,041.69	2,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-1340-400	Budget & Other Notices	3,000.00	1,990.56	66.4%	1,009.44	3,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-1410-100	Village Clerk: Personal Services	90,704.00	48,386.73	53.3%	41,757.23	90,143.96	560.04	99.4%
A00-1410-110	Deputy Village Clerk: Personal Services	-	9,693.38	100.0%	24,000.00	33,693.38	(33,693.38)	100.0%
A00-1410-400	Village Clerk: Contractual	1,400.00	66.16	4.7%	1,333.84	1,400.00	-	100.0%
A00-1410-410	Village Clerk: Website	2,940.00	2,579.72	87.7%	-	2,579.72	360.28	87.7%
A00-1420-400	Attorney: Contractual	75,000.00	36,738.71	49.0%	88,954.00	125,692.71	(50,692.71)	167.6%
A00-1420-420	Attorney: Prosecuting Contractual	20,700.00	4,470.00	21.6%	7,000.00	11,470.00	9,230.00	55.4%
A00-1440-400	Engineer/Architect: Contractual	37,500.00	21,132.50	56.4%	28,051.00	49,183.50	(11,683.50)	131.2%
A00-1460-400	Records Management: Contractual	3,745.00	11.25	0.3%	533.75	545.00	3,200.00	14.6%
A00-1620-100	Shared Services: Personal Services	78,770.00	15,342.05	19.5%	16,510.00	31,852.05	46,917.95	40.4%
A00-1620-400	Shared Services: Contractual	11,755.00	5,954.72	50.7%	5,800.28	11,755.00	-	100.0%
A00-1620-410	Shared Services: Compture Software	18,722.00	9,119.71	48.7%	696.00	9,815.71	8,906.29	52.4%
A00-1620-411	Shared Services: Heating	4,950.00	838.98	16.9%	4,111.02	4,950.00	-	100.0%
A00-1620-412	Shared Services: Electric	6,500.00	3,216.44	49.5%	3,283.56	6,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-1620-420	Shared Services: Telephone	3,156.00	1,598.61	50.7%	1,557.39	3,156.00	-	100.0%
A00-1620-440	Shared Services: Copy Machine	3,008.00	2,001.12	66.5%	1,748.00	3,749.12	(741.12)	124.6%
A00-1620-445	Shared Services: Computer Support	6,599.00	3,119.14	47.3%	3,479.86	6,599.00	-	100.0%
A00-1620-447	Shared Services: Technology	1,500.00	4,233.11	282.2%	-	4,233.11	(2,733.11)	282.2%
A00-1640-410	Shared Services: Restroom	5,200.00	2,492.38	47.9%	2,707.62	5,200.00	-	100.0%

General Fund YTD 12/31/23 Expense Projections FY23-24

Account	Descriptions	Budget	YTD 12/31/23	YTD Exp	5 Month Proj	Total Proj Spend	Proj (Over)/Under Budget	Total Proj % Spend
A00-1640-411	Clearing Account: Gasoline	-	17,210.98	100.0%	12,789.02	30,000.00	(30,000.00)	100.0%
A00-1640-417	Shared Services: Village Hall Repairs & Improveme	130,000.00	7,553.08	5.8%	73,000.00	80,553.08	49,446.92	62.0%
A00-1640-418	Shared Services: Municipal Building Repairs	233,500.00	62,572.34	26.8%	-	62,572.34	170,927.66	26.8%
A00-1670-400	Shared Services: Printing & Mailing	1,500.00	2,310.07	154.0%	2,000.00	4,310.07	(2,810.07)	287.3%
A00-1910-400	Unallocated Insurance	44,122.00	26,302.35	59.6%	21,943.35	48,245.70	(4,123.70)	109.3%
A00-1920-400	Municipal Association Dues	1,242.00	1,229.00	99.0%	-	1,229.00	13.00	99.0%
A00-1930-400	Judgements & Claims	2,500.00	-	0.0%	-	-	2,500.00	0.0%
A00-1950-400	Taxes & Assessments on Property	-	2,703.76	100.0%	-	2,703.76	(2,703.76)	100.0%
A00-1990-400	Contingent Account	4,930.00	-	0.0%	-	-	4,930.00	0.0%
A00-3120-100	Police: Personal Services	363,317.00	207,679.34	57.2%	155,637.66	363,317.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-110	Crossing Guards: Personal Services	26,788.00	12,308.00	45.9%	14,480.00	26,788.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-120	Parking Enforcement: Personal Svc	25,600.00	4,540.00	17.7%	5,600.00	10,140.00	15,460.00	39.6%
A00-3120-200	Police Equipment	2,700.00	25,005.81	926.1%	2,550.00	27,555.81	(24,855.81)	1020.6%
A00-3120-400	Police: Vehicle Repairs	8,000.00	1,750.49	21.9%	8,000.00	9,750.49	(1,750.49)	121.9%
A00-3120-410	Police: Services & Materials	7,260.00	1,074.28	14.8%	6,185.72	7,260.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-411	Police: Gasoline	16,875.00	-	0.0%	-	-	16,875.00	0.0%
A00-3120-420	Police: Telephone & Radio	11,896.00	2,966.87	24.9%	8,929.13	11,896.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-430	Police: School & Supplies	1,500.00	475.97	31.7%	1,975.97	2,451.94	(951.94)	163.5%
A00-3120-440	Police: Computer Support	7,394.00	3,493.62	47.2%	3,900.38	7,394.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-441	Police: Device Support	7,656.00	-	0.0%	7,656.00	7,656.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-445	Police: Technology	9,300.00	2,793.74	30.0%	6,506.26	9,300.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-460	Police: Clothing Kane	600.00	-	0.0%	-	-	600.00	0.0%
A00-3120-462	Police: Clothing Boulanger	600.00	253.68	42.3%	346.32	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-464	Police: Clothing Ciero	600.00	30.00	5.0%	570.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-465	Police: Clothing Burke	600.00	119.36	19.9%	480.64	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-466	Police: Clothing Davenport	600.00	399.95	66.7%	200.05	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-468	Police: Clothing Marino	600.00	71.94	12.0%	528.06	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-470	Police: Clothing: New	700.00	-	0.0%	700.00	700.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-471	Police: Clothing D'Amato	600.00	-	0.0%	-	-	600.00	0.0%
A00-3120-473	Police Clothing Stasiak	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-474	Police: Clothing Comiskey	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-475	Parking Enforcement: Clothing	450.00	-	0.0%	450.00	450.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-477	Police: Clothing Baker	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-482	Police: Clothing Detlafs	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-484	Police: Clothing Cosentino	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-485	Police: Clothing Close	600.00	64.92	10.8%	535.08	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-486	Police: Clothing Hipple	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-487	Police: Clothing Jackson	600.00	395.14	65.9%	204.86	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-488	Police: Clothing Christiansen	600.00	300.97	50.2%	299.03	600.00	-	100.0%
A00-3120-489	Police: Clothing Barclay	600.00	-	0.0%	600.00	600.00	-	100.0%

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A00-3310-400	Traffic Control: Street Signs Contractual	2,500.00	6,675.05	267.0%	3,080.00	9,755.05	(7,255.05)	390.2%
A00-3320-400	On Street Parking: Contractual	19,609.00	-	0.0%	5,392.44	5,392.44	14,216.56	27.5%
A00-3410-411	Fire Department: Gasoline	5,250.00	-	0.0%	-	-	5,250.00	0.0%
A00-3410-412	Fire: Heating Oil/Service	10,550.00	1,159.23	11.0%	9,390.77	10,550.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-413	Fire: Diesel	2,500.00	1,000.00	40.0%	1,500.00	2,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-440	Fire: Siren	1,492.00	548.90	36.8%	943.10	1,492.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-450	Fire: Electricity	6,100.00	1,756.50	28.8%	4,343.50	6,100.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-460	Fire: Building Repairs	1,000.00	421.12	42.1%	578.88	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-470	Fire: Service Award	6,000.00	3,950.00	65.8%	2,050.00	6,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-3410-475	Fire Protection Service	138,725.00	68,002.10	49.0%	69,249.60	137,251.70	1,473.30	98.9%
A00-3620-110	Building Insp: Clerk Personal Svc	2,500.00	1,538.40	61.5%	961.60	2,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-3620-400	Building Insp: Contractual	19,200.00	4,800.00	25.0%	14,400.00	19,200.00	-	100.0%
A00-4020-100	Registrar Vital Stats: Personal Svc	1,500.00	923.04	61.5%	576.96	1,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-4020-400	Registrar Vital Stats: Contractual	150.00	-	0.0%	150.00	150.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-100	Highway Street Maint: Personal Svc	186,736.00	118,375.64	63.4%	58,566.22	176,941.86	9,794.14	94.8%
A00-5110-200	Highway Street Maint: Equipment	40,905.00	41,274.37	100.9%	2,000.00	43,274.37	(2,369.37)	105.8%
A00-5110-400	Highway Street Maint: Resurface	363,972.00	2,097.48	0.6%	2,902.52	5,000.00	358,972.00	1.4%
A00-5110-410	Highway Street Maint: Supplies & Materials	10,000.00	8,081.44	80.8%	4,000.00	12,081.44	(2,081.44)	120.8%
A00-5110-411	Highway Street Maint: Gasoline	7,875.00	30.05	0.4%	-	30.05	7,844.95	0.4%
A00-5110-413	Highway Street Maint: Oil/Service	8,950.00	882.24	9.9%	8,067.76	8,950.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-414	Highway Street Maint: Diesel	3,750.00	2,994.16	79.8%	755.84	3,750.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-415	Highway Street Maintenance: Electric	2,500.00	568.07	22.7%	1,931.93	2,500.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-420	Highway Street Maint: Equipment Repair	6,000.00	9,016.18	150.3%	6,000.00	15,016.18	(9,016.18)	250.3%
A00-5110-430	Highway Street Maint: Office Supply	2,590.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	2,090.00	19.3%
A00-5110-435	Highway Street Maint: Education	750.00	959.82	128.0%	-	959.82	(209.82)	128.0%
A00-5110-440	Highway Street Maint: Telephone	1,560.00	512.94	32.9%	1,047.06	1,560.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-445	Highway: Computer Support	360.00	683.07	189.7%	363.00	1,046.07	(686.07)	290.6%
A00-5110-450	Highway Street Maint: Safety Equip/Supply	150.00	914.73	609.8%	250.00	1,164.73	(1,014.73)	776.5%
A00-5110-459	Highway Street Maint: Clothing/Eye: New EE	550.00	-	0.0%	550.00	550.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-460	Highway Street Maint: Clothing/Eyeglass Lauria	550.00	-	0.0%	270.00	270.00	280.00	49.1%
A00-5110-465	Highway Street Maint: Clothing/Eye Downey	550.00	146.91	26.7%	403.09	550.00	-	100.0%
A00-5110-467	Highway Street Maint: Clothing/Eye VanTassel	550.00	106.04	19.3%	443.96	550.00	-	100.0%
A00-5142-100	Snow Removal: Personal Service	22,302.00	-	0.0%	22,302.00	22,302.00	-	100.0%
A00-5142-200	Snow Removal: Equipment	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-5142-400	Snow Removal: Contractual	8,000.00	200.00	2.5%	7,800.00	8,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-5182-400	Street Lights: Contractual General Street	48,768.00	22,991.00	47.1%	25,777.00	48,768.00	-	100.0%
A00-5182-410	Street Lights: Haldane/Butterfield	775.00	352.27	45.5%	422.73	775.00	-	100.0%
A00-5182-420	Street Lights: Gazebo	1,000.00	295.89	29.6%	704.11	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-5182-440	Street Lights: Subway	1,100.00	819.04	74.5%	780.96	1,600.00	(500.00)	145.5%
A00-5410-100	Sidewalks: Personal Service	12,006.00	1,169.30	9.7%	10,836.70	12,006.00	-	100.0%



General Fund YTD 12/31/23 Expense Projections FY23-24

Account	Descriptions	Budget	YTD 12/31/23	YTD Exp	5 Month Proj	Total Proj Spend	Proj (Over)/Under Budget	Total Proj % Spend
A00-5410-400	Sidewalks: Maintenance & Repair	12,000.00	82,637.85	688.6%	-	82,637.85	(70,637.85)	688.6%
A00-5650-400	Off-Street Parking: Parking Meters	6,359.00	4,105.80	64.6%	2,253.20	6,359.00	-	100.0%
A00-7110-400	Parks & Rec - Repairs & Improvements	4,500.00	340.72	7.6%	3,951.14	4,291.86	208.14	95.4%
A00-7140-100	Recreation: Personal Service	14,026.00	3,443.48	24.6%	10,582.52	14,026.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-110	Recreation: Dockside Personal Svcs	1,388.00	899.30	64.8%	488.70	1,388.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-200	Recreation: Equipment	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-400	Recreation: Contractual	500.00	708.14	141.6%	-	708.14	(208.14)	141.6%
A00-7140-405	Dockside: Contractual	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-430	Recreation: Tools & Consumables	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-440	Recreation: Lawn Care	2,000.00	1,500.00	75.0%	1,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)	125.0%
A00-7140-445	Recreation: Computer Support	648.00	319.38	49.3%	328.62	648.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-460	Recreation: Christmas Decorations	1,000.00	59.64	6.0%	940.36	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-470	Recreation: Electricity	2,659.00	1,306.89	49.1%	1,352.11	2,659.00	-	100.0%
A00-7140-471	Recreation Electricity - Dockside	390.00	167.09	42.8%	222.91	390.00	-	100.0%
A00-7510-100	Historical Board: Personal Services	3,085.00	1,860.33	60.3%	1,224.67	3,085.00	-	100.0%
A00-7510-400	Historical Board: Contractual	850.00	100.00	11.8%	750.00	850.00	-	100.0%
A00-7550-400	Celebrations: Contractual	750.00	250.00	33.3%	500.00	750.00	-	100.0%
A00-8010-100	Zoning Board: Personal Services	1,543.00	931.79	60.4%	611.21	1,543.00	-	100.0%
A00-8010-400	Zoning Board: Contractual	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-8015-400	Zoning Update Committee: Contractual	9,000.00	17,189.31	191.0%	2,500.00	19,689.31	(10,689.31)	218.8%
A00-8020-100	Planning Board: Personal Services	6,169.00	2,024.90	32.8%	4,144.10	6,169.00	-	100.0%
A00-8020-400	Planning Board: Contractual	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-8160-400	Garbage: Contractual	266,985.00	128,101.84	48.0%	138,883.16	266,985.00	-	100.0%
A00-8170-100	Street Clean: Personal Service	12,006.00	6,116.22	50.9%	5,889.78	12,006.00	-	100.0%
A00-8510-400	Community Beautification: Contractual	2,000.00	77.09	3.9%	1,922.91	2,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-8540-100	Storm Drain: Personal Service	8,004.00	13,798.14	172.4%	4,000.00	17,798.14	(9,794.14)	222.4%
A00-8540-400	Storm Drain: Contractual	5,000.00	1,810.48	36.2%	3,189.52	5,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-8540-410	Storm Drain: Supplies	6,000.00	-	0.0%	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-8560-400	Tree Removal: Contractual	4,250.00	4,800.00	112.9%	(550.00)	4,250.00	-	100.0%
A00-8560-405	Tree Maintenance: Contractual	5,250.00	2,000.00	38.1%	3,250.00	5,250.00	-	100.0%
A00-8560-410	Tree Replacement	1,000.00	733.00	73.3%	267.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9010-800	State Retirement	57,100.00	44,888.00	78.6%	9,065.00	53,953.00	3,147.00	94.5%
A00-9015-800	Fire & Police Retirement	16,150.00	16,692.00	103.4%	3,248.00	19,940.00	(3,790.00)	123.5%
A00-9015-810	Firemens Retirement Service Award	32,000.00	-	0.0%	32,000.00	32,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9030-800	Social Security	64,623.00	33,852.59	52.4%	28,417.01	62,269.60	2,353.40	96.4%
A00-9035-800	Medicare	15,114.00	7,917.04	52.4%	6,645.91	14,562.95	551.05	96.4%
A00-9040-800	Workers' Compensation	34,476.00	35,196.19	102.1%	-	35,196.19	(720.19)	102.1%
A00-9040-801	Workers Comp: Firemen	14,812.00	14,113.00	95.3%	-	14,113.00	699.00	95.3%
A00-9050-800	Unemployment Insurance	1,500.00	-	0.0%	-	-	1,500.00	0.0%
A00-9055-800	Disability Insurance	950.00	1,427.12	150.2%	-	1,427.12	(477.12)	150.2%

General Fund YTD 12/31/23 Expense Projections FY23-24

Account	Descriptions	Budget	YTD 12/31/23	YTD Exp	5 Month Proj	Total Proj Spend	Proj (Over)/Under Budget	Total Proj % Spend
A00-9060-800	Medical Insurance	241,040.00	116,433.42	48.3%	98,566.58	215,000.00	26,040.00	89.2%
A00-9060-808	Dental Insurance: C. Costello	1,000.00	142.00	14.2%	858.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-809	Dental Insurance: Downey	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-811	Dental Insurance: Vidakovich	1,000.00	920.30	92.0%	79.70	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-812	Dental Insurance: VanTassel	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-813	Dental Insurance: Lauria	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-815	Dental Insurance: Deputy Clerk	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-821	Eyeglass: C. Costello	250.00	-	0.0%	250.00	250.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-822	Eyeglass: Deputy Clerk	250.00	-	0.0%	250.00	250.00	-	100.0%
A00-9060-823	Eyeglasses: Vidakovich	250.00	250.00	100.0%	-	250.00	-	100.0%
	<b>Report totals</b>	<b>3,312,422.00</b>	<b>1,515,199.10</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>1,318,965.23</b>	<b>2,834,164.33</b>	<b>478,257.67</b>	<b>85.6%</b>
						11,865.43	<i>Amount Expenses Greater Than Revenue</i>	



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## Village of Cold Spring Highway Department December Monthly Report

For the month of December we cleaned VCB (17X), Subway (8X), Riverfront (8X), Dockside (8X), catch basins (3X), and picked up garbage at Village Hall (5X). We lowered & raised the flags on Village buildings four times. We removed leaves from Parrott St., Pine St., High St., Cherry St., Oak St., Grove Ct., Academy St., Paulding Ave., McConville Park, Northern Ave., Wall St., Marion Ave., Furnace St., Fair St., Lunn Terr., and Mountain Ave. which resulted in (27) piles & (4) truckloads. We repaired (3) posts & signs that had been hit by vehicles. We installed a new one-way sign on Railroad Ave., and a No Parking Any Time sign at the foot of Main St. We hauled one load of scrap metal to the scrapyard.

We returned the coring drill & bit to PCHD with much gratitude. We installed opaque window film on (18) windows at Village Hall, a new soap dispenser in the Western restroom at VCB, and cleaned the roofs of debris at Village Hall/Subway roofs/VCB/ & WWTP. We finished removing the American flags from around the Village, and replaced the 5' X 8' American flag at the Bandstand. We replaced (7) burned out candle bulbs in the wreaths on Main St. We did a final cleaning at VCB, and locked the restrooms for the season.

We had (2) storms where we deployed the pump on Cedar St. The storm on 12.18.2023 dumped enough rain where we had to use the pump for (10.5) hours, along with a secondary pump acquired by Supervisor Van Tassel. That storm also caused heavy flooding at our Riverfront where we hauled away (10) truckloads of debris (100 yards).

### Fleet maintenance:

- 2014 Bobcat Skidsteer- installed snow thrower & snow removal chute & serviced
- 2022 Kenworth- tested the 4-yard salter, removed salter for debris cleanup at Riverfront, and then re-installed
- 2016 Ford F-350- installed 2-yard salter & tested, and installed new cutting edge on the plow
- 2002 Leaf Vactor- welded a patch over a hole on the vactor chute, disassembled, and stored away for the season. Mo fabricated steel safety lift supports, and self-standing steel safety feet which he welded onto the vactor motor
- 1997 Case Backhoe- replaced worn out hydraulic line that controls front bucket
- 2011 Ford F-350- had Fishkill Tire mount snow tires, and had Hatfield Brothers install a new diesel transfer tank/pump/ & meter
- 2019 Ford F-350- had Fishkill Tire install winter tires, and we installed a new cutting edge onto the plow



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## Water & Wastewater Departments Monthly Report

December 2023

### Water:

<b>2022 Reservoir Status:</b>	63.37% Capacity	<b>Reservoir Status:</b>	99.46% Capacity
<b>2022 Flow to System:</b>	6.64MG / 214k/day	<b>Flow to System:</b>	6.99MG / 225k/day
<b>Monthly Rainfall:</b>	9.73"	<b>Percent Change:</b>	5.01% Increase

- **Bacteriological Lab Tests:** All routine sampling were found in good standing.
- **Emergency Generator:** 6 Month Service visit on Facility Generator on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Endpoint Replacements:** We will be attempting to finish up any CDMA Endpoint Replacement Upgrades to the LTE Endpoints within the next few weeks, please contact the water/wastewater department to schedule an appointment.

### Wastewater:

<b>Total Inflow to Plant:</b>	10.44 MG / 337k/day	<b>Liquid Sludge Hauled Offsite:</b>	21,500 Gallons
<b>Biochemical Oxygen Demand:</b>	96.80% Removal	<b>Total Suspended Solids:</b>	94.69% Removal

- **RAS Chart Recorder:** Replacement Chart Recorder expected delivery the week of 1/19/24.
- **Emergency Generators:** 6 Month Service visit on Facility, West St. P.S. and Portable Generators on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.



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## Building Department Monthly Report December 2023

### Activity

New Building Permit Applications Received:	8
Building Permits Issued:	5
Operating Permits Issued	0
Dumpster Permits Issued	3
CO's Issued	6
Record Searches Completed	7
Complaints Received:	0

### Referrals Generated

HDRB:	2
ZBA:	0
Planning:	0

### Fees

	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Application and Permit Fees Collected	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 11,672.35
Record Search Fees Collected	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,450.00
<b>Total Collected:</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,122.35</b>



# Village of Cold Spring Police Department

## Monthly Report:

Nov-23

### Incident/Events

<u>Type of calls</u>	<u>Number of calls</u>	<u>Type of calls</u>	<u>Number of calls</u>
911 Hang up		Abandoned vehicle	
Aggravated harassment		Aided case	18
All other		Animal bite	
Animal acting rabid		Assist fire department	2
Animal complaint other	1	Attempt to locate person	
Animal struck by motor vehicle		Burglary attempt	
Assist citizen	3	Car blocking	
Assault		Civil matter	5
Burglary		Criminal mischief	
Burglary in progress		Disabled vehicles	
Child abuse		DMV suspensions/revocations	
Criminal impersonation		Domestic dispute	3
Custodial interference		Drug complaint	
Disorderly conduct/Disturbance		Drug sale	
Dog complaint		Extortion	
Driving while intoxicated		Family offense	
Drug possession		Fire Alarm	3
False Alarm (any type)	5	Gun shots	
Family court summons		Harassment	
Fireworks		Health & Safety hazard	
Fraud		Illegally parked vehicle	
Funeral escort		Insufficient funds-Checks	
Hazardous material/spill leak		Lockout - vehicle	
Hit & Run		Mental health incident	1
Impounded vehicles		Missing person	
Larceny	2	Navigation accident	
Leaving scene of accident		Neighborhood Dispute	
Lockout - residence		Notification death or emergency	
Loitering		Officer needs assistance	4
Lost or Stolen license plates		Other	
Missing child		Person with a gun	
Natural disaster		Possession of weapon	
Navigation complaint		PDAA	3
Noise complaint	3	PIAA	
Obscenity/pornography		Property lost	
Open door	1	Property stolen	
Other accident		Reckless driving	
Personal injury		Unwanted Party	
Private property		Robbery-in progress	
Property found	5	Shoplifting	
Property recovered		Speeding vehicle	
Public property		Suspicious person	1
Robbery		Theft of services	
Repossession of vehicle		Trespass	
Robbery - other		Unauthorized use of a vehicle	
Simple assault		V&T complaint	1
Suicide attempt			
Suspicious vehicle			
Transports			
Unattended death	1		
Welfare Check	2	<b>Total number of calls for service:</b>	64
Wires down		Total Number Year to Date	679



## Village of Cold Spring Police







## **Cold Spring Fire Company No.1**

154 Main Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516

### Chiefs Report For January

- 1 AFA's
  - 1 EMS
  - 2 Flood Assessments
  - 1 Odor of Gas investigation
  - 2 Mutual Aid to North Highlands for Carbon Monoxide
  - 2 Mutual Aid to North Highlands for AFA
  - 2 Mutual Aid to North Highlands for MVA
  - 1 Mutual Aid to North Highlands for EMS
  - 2 mutual Aid to Garrison for Outdoor smoke investigation
- 14 Calls for the month of December  
**247 For the year of 2023**



**JUSTICE COURT**  
**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING**  
85 Main Street  
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Thomas J. Costello  
Village Justice

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**DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT**

Fines, Forfeited Bails & Civil Penalties	\$ 2,325.00
Parking Tickets	3,850.00
Civil Fees	
Including Termination of Suspension Fees, Bail Poundage, Certificate of Disposition, Filing Fees, Small Claims, Transcripts of Judgment and Returned Check Fees	215.00
Mandatory State Surcharges	<u>522.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,912.00</u>

A check in the above amount is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,



Thomas J. Costello  
Village Justice

Dated: January 4, 2024

**Cold Spring Village Court**  
**Summary Report of Cases Started**  
**Judge Thomas J. Costello**

12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023  
All Judges

Report date: 01/02/2024

STATUTE	COUNT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
PL	1	Number of DWIs - 1192:	0
VTL	4	Number of AUOs - 511:	0
		Number of Speeds - 1180:	1
		Number of Defendants:	5
		Total Number Charges:	5
		Average Charges/Defendant:	1.00
		Number of Small Claims:	0



**OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER**  
**Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller**

**JUSTICE COURT FUND**  
**110 STATE STREET**  
**ALBANY, NY 12236**

Thomas Costello - Justice  
 Village of Cold Spring  
 85 Main St  
 Cold Spring, NY 10516

December 29, 2023

For your information, shown below is the "Distribution Summary" of all reports received by us from the Village Court for the month of November 2023.

Receipts

<u>Justice</u>	<u>Report Month/Seq</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Thomas Costello	November 2023/01	\$8,378.00
Camille S Linson	November 2023/01	\$0.00
Total Court Receipts		\$8,378.00

**DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Trans</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AB	10	0.00	0.00	1,290.00	0.00	1,290.00
AC	5	375.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	450.00
AD	1	0.00	0.00	5,910.00	0.00	5,910.00
CB		360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
FF		35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
FL		35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
FS		30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
MS		268.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	268.00
TOTALS :		1,103.00	0.00	7,275.00	0.00	8,378.00

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of distribution codes, see the Comptroller's Handbook for Town and Village Justices

**Zoning Board of Appeals  
Cold Spring, N.Y.  
Monthly Report: December 2023**

Jan. 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Eric Wirth, Chair

The ZBA held one meeting last month, on Dec. 21. It included a public hearing on a proposed addition at 14 Constitution Drive that would expand a part of a nonconforming residence located in a side yard. The board approved the application, noting that the applicant had made the expansion as unobtrusive as possible.

The board also continued its work on revising the ZBA application form so it better reflects the code update and state law. A draft will be ready for review by the trustees soon.

Eric Wirth

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD

### Village of Cold Spring

Members: Tony Bardes; Charles Day; Kory Riesterer; Taro Ietaka.; Jennifer Zwarich

#### REPORT TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1/5/2024

The Tree Advisory Board has one significant piece of good news to share and a few additional updates below.

1. **\$40K GRANT WON!:** We are thrilled to announce that the village has been awarded a sustainability grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the Anahata Foundation which will fund a tree-supportive project entitled "The Cold Spring Community Colonnade Project." The project consists of 1) a group planting of 24 new public trees; 2) an investment-level pruning project targeting the youngest and oldest public trees on our streets and parks; and 3) a final (and most exciting) component that will consist of the design/development of an innovative root-friendly sidewalk redesign and street tree planting that will serve as a model of tree-supportive infrastructure planning in one of several prominent area of sparse urban canopy.
2. **DORMANT SEASON WORK:** Volunteer TAB members continued our tree tag maintenance work and also placed snow protection stakes around tree pit guards on Main St and the new village trees near St. Mary's lawn sledding area in preparation for any significant snowfall that may occur these next few months. We will be revising our RFP for winter pruning to include additional specs to be funded by the sustainability grant and plan to release the RFP at the end of this month.
3. We have met in public session and completed our review of a request by residents of B Street regarding trees on village property on the SE corner of B Street and Mountain Ave. Please see attached recommendation letter to the VBOT for your review and approval.

Happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Jennifer Zwarich  
Chairperson

**TREE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING**

MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; TARO IETAKA, JENNIFER ZWARICH

The Village of Cold Spring's Tree Advisory Board held public meetings on February, 28, 2023, 7:00pm and November 28, 2023, 7:00 pm at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing the following application: John & Charlotte Lane, 5 Mountain Ave, and Donald MacDonald 10 B St., proposing removal or major pruning of up to six (6) public trees on a village-owned parcel on the SE corner of Mountain Ave and B St. A public notice was published in the PCNR two weeks prior to the first meeting and several signs were placed on the lot and/or affixed to the trees in question weeks prior to each meeting.

*The Board voted 4-0, with one member absent, to recommend the following actions (noted with their correlating identifying letters from the application diagram by D. MacDonald): 1) removal of one 6"dbh Norway maple ("Tree G"); 2) removal of one 4"dbh Hemlock ("Tree F"); and 3) safety pruning to reduce the risk of one 19"dbh (combined) and 12"dbh Norway with 3 primary stems ("Tree B"). We recommend that no pruning actions are in the village's interest for two trees: "Tree E", a native Hackberry 4"dbh and "Tree C" a Chokecherry 8"dbh. One tree, an 18" dbh Norway maple ("Tree A") was determined to only need routine maintenance to reduce infrastructure conflict with the adjacent residential roof and therefore was removed from this "major pruning/removal" application and is being addressed under a separate application for minor maintenance pruning. We ask that the VBOT approve the recommendation outlined above.*

We provide the following summary:

The applicants submitted this application due to a variety of concerns about the trees on this lot, some submitted in writing and others discussed in public meeting. The lot is directly adjacent to each applicants' residence. The main concerns included, among others: a concern about the crowding of a large village-owned Spruce tree (noted on the diagram as "Tree D") on the lot by faster-growing Norway Maple neighbors, a concern that some of the shade trees as they mature are now shading or eventually will begin to shade a newly installed solar array on the Lane's roof; a concern that "Tree B" represents a significant safety risk; a concern that the applicants' would prefer less trees here and a more maintained, open-air lot with wildflowers and a native pollinator garden, the latter of which the applicant has offered to install.

The Tree Advisory Board received written comments from one member of the public, a neighboring resident, Jerry Allen, 14 Fishkill Ave, who was opposed to removing the trees on the lot, especially the larger Norway maples ( "Tree A" and "Tree B") they provide privacy and screening for his back yard and he felt healthy tree canopy were important to the village and did not feel the village should remove public trees if they are healthy and are not interfering with public sidewalks, roads or utilities.

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The Tree Board noted that this lot is one of several village-owned parcels that has been allowed to naturalize in the last few decades into largely an urban canopy area with minimum tree maintenance aside from hazard mitigation. This lot is not uncommon or unusual in that regard.

We also noted that the village's primary concern in regard to our public land and the trees on them is to protect the public interest in these spaces. As outlined in our village tree ordinance, in addition to baseline hazard mitigation in order to maintain public safety, the Tree Board is tasked with protecting and increasing our entire public canopy and ensuring its longevity for the benefit of all. In order to carry out this central goal and ensure we are not on-the-whole eroding our canopy cover in responding to resident complaints, any request to remove or majorly prune a public tree must meet established criteria.

The Board went through the procedure outlined in the document "Criteria for Judgment of Requests for Removal or Major Pruning of Public Trees" (detailed notes available on request). It was determined that the village does not have a significant interest in removing any of the trees on the lot besides "Tree F" which is small and nearly dead and "Tree G" a young Norway maple which is not yet a substantial canopy and which will allow the native Hackberry "Tree E" to grow in its stead. It was also determined that conflict with solar panels was not a sufficient reason to remove healthy shade trees already growing on the lot. It was agreed that the competition between the two Norway Maples and the Spruce tree was not ideal but that all 3 canopies contributed more public benefit than just one. It was determined, after a Tree Risk Assessment performed by a certified Arborist on 10/02/23 that the safety concern of "Tree B" was somewhat warranted as the arborist determined the tree represented a "low/moderate risk without intervention". It was determined that this risk could be satisfactorily mitigated by general thinning of the canopy and reduction pruning along with major pruning of the stem leaning toward the Lane's residence. This would preserve the tree without a large burden or cost of additional future maintenance (aside from periodic inspection of the overall condition of the tree as recommended by the arborist) and would have the added benefit of reducing competition with the Spruce and thus improving its longevity.

The applicants were agreeable to the recommended actions outlined in italics above. Mr. Lane generously offered to donate funds to help speed the recommended work if needed.

The Board voted 4-0 to take the actions noted.

# Village of Cold Spring

## Recreation Commission Report – January 2024



### **New Applications:**

- none

### **Upcoming Approved Events:**

- none

### **New Recreation Commission Items:**

- The Commission assisted the boy scouts with building and installing two small picnic tables with chess boards at the waterfront as part of an eagle scout project. The proposal was submitted and approved by the Trustees and HDRB.
- The Commission is preparing flyers to start fundraising for a dog park in the northwest corner of Mayor's Park. Fence quotes have been received. The Friends of Philipstown 501c3 will be utilized with a QR code so that donations can be earmarked specifically for the project.
- A butterfly garden in the Tots Park at McConville Park was approved by the Rec Commission and will be installed in the Spring.
- We are working with the Tree Advisory Committee to have the weeping willow by the Pavilion at Mayor's Park and the trees at the Tot's Park trimmed.
- Proposed modifications to the dog permit at Mayor's Park, which are in line with the suggestions from Dr. Benante, is awaiting Trustees approval.
- The Commission is starting a comprehensive plan to document the existing conditions of Village Parks, our short-term and long-term goals, and potential avenues to secure funding. We have surveyed each site at our last couple of meetings to foster ideas and discussions.

### **Outstanding Recreation Commission Items:**

- Recreation Commission sponsored community events are being scheduled, such as volleyball, yoga, softball, soccer, cornhole, etc. based on survey results. Liability waivers will be signed, which have been approved by the Village insurer and attorney.
- Haldane is allowing other community teams to use the field during the Spring and Fall, which requires their approval based on the Intermunicipal Agreement.
- Ongoing discussions with the Philipstown Little League regarding use and rehab of the softball field at Mayors Park.
- Proposed changes to the Village code aligning with current responsibilities and incorporating Event Coordinator's role. Proposed revisions provided for review.
- Existing signage at Mayor's Park is being revised to consolidate and clarify access and restrictions. Awaiting sign installation.
- Proposed changes to event applications were made based on the Event Coordinator's and Mayor's feedback.
- 2023-24 Recreation Commission draft budget submitted to Village Accountant.
- Dock lights have been donated and are in the process of being ordered.



## **Village of Cold Spring January Monthly report 2024**

- 1. Highway parking lot is now 100 % blacktopped and paved.**
- 2. We have all the Putnam County Board of Health to move forward on connected the new well to the water treatment plant at the Garrison Water Dist.**