



VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

1. Executive Session
 - a. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law
 - b. Employment History of Individual(s)

(The Regularly Scheduled Meeting Will Begin Immediately Following Executive Session)
2. Announcements
3. Opportunity to Add/Modify Agenda
4. Board Business
 - a. Discussion on Cold Spring In Bloom
 - b. Request by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for Empowerment Program @ Dockside Park
 - c. Approval of Request for Kids Fishing Day
 - i. May 5th @ Cold Spring Reservoir
 - Nelsonville Fish & Fur Club to clean debris one week prior
 - ii. Stock the Stream with Trout
 - iii. 20 permits donated by Village for Nelsonville Fish & Fur Club Members
 - d. Authorize Mayor to Sign MOU with Cold Spring Film Society
 - e. Approve Quote for 3-Year Renewal of Firewall Licensing
 - f. Resolution 08-2024 Accepting Results of FY 2022-23 Audit
 - g. Approval of Minutes – 2/14/24
 - h. Approval of Bills - Batch #: Amount: \$
5. Continued Budget Discussion
6. 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>

Or by phone: 646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 889 8385 3791

Passcode: 365616

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS AGREEMENT made this 20th day of **March, 2024** by and between the VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having an office at VILLAGE Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516, (hereinafter the "VILLAGE") and THE COLD SPRING FILM SOCIETY, INC whose address is 192 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516 ("FILM SOCIETY"),

WHEREAS, the FILM SOCIETY proposes to present a series of films to be screened outdoors this summer at Dockside Park; and

WHEREAS, the FILM SOCIETY has tentatively proposed *four (4)* screening dates and *four (4)* rain dates of *June 29, 2024 (June 30, 2024 rain date) July 13, 2024 (July 14, 2024 rain date), July 27, 2024 (July 28, 2024 rain date), August 10, 2024 (August 11, 2024 rain date)*; and

WHEREAS, the films will be open to all VILLAGE residents and visitors at no charge; and

WHEREAS, the FILM SOCIETY has secured the use of Dockside Park for the said films for the said dates; and

WHEREAS, the State Park permit requires liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 for both property damage and bodily injury with the State listed as an additional insured on the Policy; and

WHEREAS, the FILM SOCIETY has approached the VILLAGE and requested the VILLAGE partner with the FILM SOCIETY in presentation of the said films as a municipal recreational activity for the residents of the VILLAGE;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. The VILLAGE shall sponsor and participate in the proposed presentation of films at Dockside Park; and
2. The FILM SOCIETY, and its members, shall act as unpaid volunteers on behalf of the VILLAGE in organizing and presenting the said series of family friendly films at no charge for the benefit of the residents of the VILLAGE as a municipal recreational activity; and
3. The VILLAGE shall procure liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for both property damage and bodily injury for the said film events including a certificate of insurance bearing the following additional insured endorsement: "Additional Insured: The People of the State of New York, Executive Department, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation And Historic Preservation, Taconic Region, its Officers, Agents, employees and assigns."
4. Either party may cancel this Agreement on twenty-four (24) hour notice with or without cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Memorandum of Understanding effective the day and year first above written:

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

By: _____
Kathleen E. Foley, MAYOR

COLD SPRING FILM SOCIETY, INC.

By: 

authorized signatory



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Resolution # 08-2024 Accepting Results of FY 2022-23 Audit

The following resolution was offered by _____ for adoption and seconded by _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village has engaged EFPR Group LLP, Certified Public Accounts, to conduct an independent audit of the Village’s Accounting Practices, Policies and Estimates; and

WHEREAS, EFPR Group presented its findings for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2023 to the Village Board of Trustees on March 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, EFPR Group found that the Village’s accounting practices and policies were appropriate, comply with generally accepted accounting principles and policies and were consistently applied;

WHEREAS, EFPR Group found that there were no significant changes made to the process or assumptions used to develop accounting estimates and that financial statement disclosures were neutral, consistent and clear.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Village Board accepts the findings of EFPR Group for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2023.

On roll call vote:

- Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voted:
- Trustee Laura Bozzi voted:
- Trustee Aaron Freimark voted:
- Trustee Eliza Starbuck voted:
- Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voted:

Resolution officially adopted on _____ by a vote of _____

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date



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Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held its Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Foley. Present at the meeting were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Laura Bozzi, Eliza Starbuck, and Aaron Freimark. Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods was absent.

Mayor Foley offered thanks for the new seal of the Village. This was designed by four village residents working together: Alex Wilcox Cheek, Charmaine Choi, Brett Lagerman, and Eleonora Zorzi.

Add/Modify Agenda Items

No changes.

Announcements

K. Foley made the following announcements:

- Property owners are responsible for removal of all snow and ice on their sidewalks. Snow should be deposited on the tree lawn or yard and not in the street.
- Locust Ridge and Railroad Ave. will be one-way streets effective on February 20th.
- Residential Parking Permits are on sale and 104 have been issued to date.

Monthly Reports – Village Departments (all submitted reports attached)

Financial Report: Michelle Ascolillo was in attendance on Zoom and presented the tentative budget schedule. Key highlights included:

- She is meeting with each department head along with a trustee to develop their department requests.
- There will be a full board budget discussion on March 6th to discuss big items including the tax levy, projects, fleet, and salaries.
- On March 13th there will be a draft of the preliminary general fund for review. The meeting is driven by the trustees and questions are encouraged.

- A balanced tentative budget has to be formulated by March 20th. Water and Sewer will also be reviewed. The meeting on March 27th is available for further budget discussion leading to the Public Hearing on April 10th. Budget adoption will take place on April 24th.
- Mayor Foley noted that she is meeting with Department Heads and distributing performance appraisals
- M. Ascolillo also noted that the Village is slightly over in expenses, but there will be some savings in health insurance.

Roadways & Facilities: Crew Chief Robert Downey not present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Water/Wastewater Department: Water and Wastewater Superintendent M. Kroog was not present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Code Enforcement: J. Vidakovich presented the monthly report.

Police Department: Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke presented the monthly report. L. Burke noted that they have an officer at the 9D school crossing in the mornings to support the crossing guard. He also noted there will be a trial period for the new one-way streets.

Fire Company: Chief Phillips presented the Monthly report. He asked villagers to shovel out the fire hydrants. K. Foley noted that Chief Phillips and the Chief of the Continental Village Fire Department rescued two human lives and seven canine lives in a recent fire, and they were honored at the County Legislature meeting.

Justice Court: No representative from the Justice Court was present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Monthly Reports – Standing Boards (all submitted reports attached)

Historic District Review Board (HDRB): No member was present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Planning Board: No member was present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): ZBA Chair Eric Wirth presented the monthly report. The Zoning Board would like to change their meeting night to Tuesday, and the Board had no issue with the change. The Clerk will update the calendar, and the change will be effective March 1st. He also noted that there is a vacancy on the ZBA.

Tree Advisory Board (TAB):

No member was present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

Recreation Commission:

Mayor Foley reported that the Commission is looking into applying for an AARP grant. More information will be shared when available. The Commission is also meeting with stakeholders for the planning of Community Day.

Town of Philipstown: No member present. K. Foley presented the monthly report.

County Legislator: No representative from the County was present.

Report of the Mayor and Trustees:

L. Bozzi reported on the following:

- They are working on grant opportunities with the Village of Nelsonville and the Town of Philipstown to mitigate the flooding that occurs on Cedar Street. They are working toward starting the applications this summer. Mayor Foley commented that we need to do a storm water study this summer.

A. Freimark commented:

- A. Freimark commented that the Village Board has made a lot of changes recently that directly affect the villagers, and he hopes the Board is communicating well. He encourages residents to email the Village Hall with any comments.

E. Starbuck provided an update on the Residential Parking Program:

- Permits are being sold for the program that begins on March 1st.
- Police will be placing warning letters on violator's vehicles for the first month.
- Parking meters will be in place in April.
- She hopes everyone cooperates because that is what it will take to make the program work.

K. Foley reported on the following:

- Performance appraisals are being conducted with village staff.
- Time has been mostly spent working on storm response and planning.
- She and L. Bozzi met with the County Commissioner of Planning.
- She and the Clerk will be working together on updating the Short-Term Rental Code and calendarize adopting Occupancy Tax legislation.

Board Business

Request to purchase property at Rear of 107-109 Main Street

The Board discussed the request with the property owner. Mayor Foley said they would review the proposal with the village engineer and report back.

Authorize Mayor to sign NYSERDA agreement for EV Charging Stations and Energy Study

L. Bozzi made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the NYSERDA agreement for EV Charging Stations and the Energy Study. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Adoption of the Village of Cold Spring Greenhouse Gas Inventory

L. Bozzi made a motion to adopt the Village of Cold Spring Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory, with two clerical corrections. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Approve Forwarding Revised List of Unpaid Taxes to Putnam County

K. Foley made a motion to approve forwarding a revised list of unpaid taxes to Putnam County. A. Freimark seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Discussion on Conducting a Survey re: Fjord Trail Alternative Routes

K. Foley commented that she and E. Starbuck have been communicating with the Fjord Trail representatives, attending steering committee meetings, and making sure they are representing the body of views around the Village. The next Public Presentation on the Fjord Trail is March 11th, with a second on April 3rd. The Board has discussed creating a survey and/or having a feedback session. A. Freimark expressed concern about too many surveys taking place. He offered the idea of partnering on the survey with the Fjord Trail. Trustee Bozzi commented that she believes the Villagers would like to see the survey come from the Board. After further discussion, Mayor Foley commented that the consensus is to hold a feedback session following the next two HHFT public presentations and use that information to create the survey. Trustee Starbuck encouraged all visitors to attend the March 11th presentation by the Fjord Trail to become better informed.

Public Comment

K. Foley made a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Rebecca Ramirez, 13 Church Street, and HHFT Communications and Visitor Relations Director

Commented that she has been employed with HHFT for six months.

- Data is very important to her and the trail staff.
- She has been listening to Villagers and meeting with them in their homes.
- HHFT supports the Village in conducting a survey.
- She encourages villagers to attend the March 11th meeting at Dutchess Manor which will review route analysis and shoreline design. There will be a second meeting on April 3rd which will review Managing Park and Trail-bound Visitors.
 - K. Foley responded that there is a tab on the Board of Trustees page of the website with links to information on the Fjord Trail.

Susan Peehl, 23 Fair Street

- Appreciates the discussion and believes that the village should conduct its own survey. Was unhappy with the HHFT survey as there were only two required questions which left little room to express her opinion. She presented a letter to the mayor and trustees sharing her thoughts.
 - E. Starbuck commented that the survey allows for people to add comments.
 - K. Foley commented that this feedback should be directed to HHFT.

Paul Thompson, 8 New Street

- Thinks the HHFT survey is fair, and responded to it online. He believes there was an opportunity to express his views. He also believes it is important for the village to have its own survey. The village residents stand to be most impacted by the Fjord Trail.
 - K. Foley commented that the survey will follow the two Fjord Trail public sessions.
 - L. Bozzi commented that the survey can be done either before or after the Village's public session and that the decision has not been made.
 - E. Starbuck agreed that the Board could do it either way.
 - K. Foley added that some folks aren't comfortable speaking before a crowd.

Michael Guillorn, 15 Orchard Street

- Supports the Fjord Trail, supports the village doing their own survey independently.
- Sees it as a mechanism to fund infrastructure with problems we already have.
- If the Fjord Trail is taken out of the equation, what would be the village's plan?
 - K. Foley responded with the items the Village already has in planning stages, such as discussions with NYMTC (New York Metropolitan Transportation Council). In terms of funding, we are looking at grants. The Village must keep looking for our own solutions.

- M. Guillorn would like to see this articulated on the Village website; knowing that a vision is in process would be helpful ahead of the survey.
 - K. Foley invited him to come back next week for the NYMTC discussion.
 - E. Starbuck commented that we have infrastructure problems: having the State's focus will help but we have to solve them.
 - She offered items such as parking meters where the Village is looking to increase revenue.
 - K. Foley commented that the Fjord trail is not rebuilding our infrastructure. She outlined many of the infrastructure projects the Village is working on.

Walter Ulmer (via Zoom)

- Great conversation. The Village should absolutely do its own survey, and keep it independent.

Rebecca Ramirez

- The purpose of the survey is not whether the villagers support or do not support the trail. The HHFT wants to know about challenges. Data tells us; it is going to help inform us differently so that it can be acknowledged and addressed.
 - Freimark asked for the point of the survey
- R. Ramirez responded that they are looking for the challenges the villagers are facing; based on where they live. She noted the signs for Dockside and people not knowing where to go. The HHFT wants people to go to the website and be informed.

Sue Peehl

- The public meeting should come first; having the information before the survey will be best.
 - K. Foley noted that the Village is not planning to host another event similar to the one held in May 2023.

Adjournment

K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A Freimark seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent). Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by: Kelly Pologe