

**Continental Village Park District Joint Advisory Committee Meeting
Cortlandt-Philipstown-Putnam Valley**

The Continental Village Park District Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) held an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 14, 2025.

Attending Joint Advisory Committee members were:

Cortlandt	Ryan Palace Charles Park Bernie Zipprich Larry Baskind
Philipstown	Lou Liotti Christopher Lubbers Jesse Lubbers April McIver
Putnam Valley	Sherry Howard

Also present:

Superintendent	Fred Romer
Recording Secretary	Orly Lynn

Charles Park served as the acting Chairperson. The following items were discussed:

Guest speaker Kevin Burns, DPW Commissioner, along with several other officials, joined prior to the meeting to discuss the Sprout Brook Road Bridge Project, a major infrastructure initiative concerning the 90-year-old bridge. The project will require a six-month closure to facilitate the demolition, reconstruction, and widening of the bridge. To mitigate traffic disruptions, detour routes have been established and will be in effect throughout the construction period.

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Correspondence:

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was raised by Charles Park, seconded by Bernie Zipprich, and unanimously approved. Chuck provided an update regarding the December notice sent to the three towns requesting the reappointment of committee members and distributing the 2025 meeting calendar. Additionally, Chuck contacted a weed harvesting service in Connecticut for alternative options.

Fred Romer sent an email to Victoria Cafarelli of Levenberg's office regarding the Crest application and the bid document process, which was originally set to begin on December 16, 2024. On December 18, Victoria confirmed that while the bid document process could commence, funds could not yet be allocated for spending. Regarding dam repairs, the contract is in progress, though work cannot begin until warmer weather permits. Approval for the project has been received from Cortlandt, Putnam Valley, and Philipstown, including authorization for walkway repairs.

With the removal of the old phone line in the clubhouse, a replacement system has been installed, and further details are available via email. Additionally, sourcing replacement lamps for upstairs lighting has been challenging. A letter was sent to Van Tassel to explore potential incentives for upgrading to energy-efficient lighting.

Building & Grounds Committee:

Fred reported that a carpenter was brought in to replace the kitchen doors at a cost of \$800. Plans were also discussed to create a dedicated office space downstairs for committee use, with an estimated cost of \$3,000. Upstairs kitchen lighting will be replaced with three LED fixtures for \$300. The clubhouse has also undergone several security and safety enhancements, including

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the installation of new door handles downstairs and the replacement of three exterior door locks. Exit and egress doors now have separate keys.

The committee also reviewed a proposal from W&M Fire Protection to install a compliant fire alarm system for \$38,000. As the current fire alarm system is non-functional, a motion was raised by Jesse Lubbers, seconded by Christopher Lubbers, and unanimously approved to allocate funds from the contingency budget for this project. Additionally, April McIver will conduct legal research to determine state and local fire alarm compliance requirements.

Fred will also obtain quotes for new signage at the beach area and tennis courts. An estimate will be requested from Oval Tennis for court resurfacing and necessary maintenance.

Lake & Dam Committee update:

Ryan Palace reported that the Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) will reduce the number of water sample collections from eight to four in 2025 due to budget constraints. Plans were discussed to schedule two weed harvesting sessions, one in late June and the second in late August or early September. A motion was raised by Bernie Zipprich to hire Matt Vought from New England Aquatic Services at a rate of \$3,000 per day, with additional areas to be determined. The motion was seconded by Lou Liotti and unanimously approved.

Finance Committee:

There were no major updates from the Finance Committee. The new budget approval was shared with the committee for review.

Communications:

Chris provided an update on the official launch of the Continental Village website, now available at www.ContinentalVillage.org. The website includes an archive of meeting minutes, a sign-up

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form for alerts and notifications, a clubhouse availability calendar, and a repository for important files and documents. While clubhouse requests can be submitted through the website, rental payments are not processed through the system. The committee welcomed suggestions for potential website improvements and future upgrades.

Old Business /New Business:

There were no updates under old business. In new business, the committee was informed that, based on research by April McIver, the Lowe's Hometown Grant application will open on January 21, 2025.

Public Commentary:

Residents in attendance expressed appreciation for the launch of the new website, noting its usefulness in improving communication and accessibility.

JAC By-Laws/ Appointments / Action Items / Next Meeting:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bernie Zipprich, seconded by Jesse Lubbers, and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. The next JAC meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Orly Lynn

Reporting Secretary