

Heidi Bender
Statement of Resignation

To the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring:

Please accept this letter of resignation from my position as Village Trustee of Cold Spring. I ran for village government because I thought I could have a positive effect, and am now convinced that is not possible at this time. While healthy disagreement is an important part of any democracy, frequently the tone of conversation and the priorities of the majority of the board are at odds with the values I ran to represent. I wish the trustees and the Village of Cold Spring the very best of luck in all that they face, and I hope that the current leadership will continue to evolve to embrace more participatory stewardship for the future.

I would also like to reiterate to the trustees that I hope they will consider consolidation with Philipstown. So much of the work done by the village is in duplicate, or triplicate, with the Town of Philipstown and the Village of Nelsonville, and I believe taxpayers could benefit from consolidation. I will continue to work towards that end as a resident. My family and I will still be active members of the village community and advocate for what we value.

I want to thank everyone in the village who has shown kindness and offered guidance. I will continue my responsibilities until a replacement is chosen.

Regards,

Heidi Bender