

MAYOR DAVE MERANDY'S VOTING STRATEGY FOR A TRULY BALANCED BOARD

Mayor Vinny Tamagna Trustee Cathryn Fadde
Trustee Yaslyn Daniels Trustee Eliza Starbuck

Dear Voters,

2021 marks 20 years of my public service to Philipstown and the Village of Cold Spring. During these last 7 years as Mayor of the Village of Cold Spring every decision I have made has been in answer to the question, "What is Best for our Village?"

It will not surprise many of you to hear me say the past 12 months on the Village Board have been extremely unpleasant and profoundly disappointing for me.

Last spring, Trustee Marie Early and I decided to run for reelection and we invited Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco to join us on our ticket. At the time, Kathleen Foley enthusiastically put herself forward to collect signatures for our petitions. After relying on Kathleen to collect signatures we were shocked to learn that Kathleen had asked some Village residents to hold back signatures from our petitions so they could sign petitions for her to run for Mayor, reassuring them that there would not be a 3-way race for Mayor, that she guaranteed there would be only 2 candidates: Kathleen and Vinny.

Up to that point, Kathleen had been a dear friend of my wife and of mine for nearly a decade. Stephanie and I were stunned and saddened by her actions and her public conduct toward both of us.

Because of Kathleen's duplicity, Trustee Marie Early, Matt Francisco and I decided not to run for office, preferring to avoid 8 months of her negative campaigning against us.

These months later, I am hearing from many residents with concerns about that real lack of qualified candidates for Village election. Most of these neighbors are telling me they may write- in candidate names or they may not vote at all.

This is a bad situation for our Village.

So, in answer to the question, "What is Best for our Village?" I am sharing my voting strategy in hopes that you will join me in this approach. It is not ideal, but I believe it represents what will be best for our village.

Vote for Vinny Tamagna for Mayor of Cold Spring. Vinny has years of experience and connections in County government that should bring the Village additional revenue and support it needs. Kathleen has less than a year of experience on the board and is deeply disliked among elected officials in our County government. If Kathleen has told you there is a hidden Putnam

County agenda at play, please don't be taken in. Kathleen invests a lot of energy in conspiracy theories. While she runs for Mayor, Kathleen needs to play the heroine against a villain. If you are truly concerned that Vinny has an agenda, you can neutralize that by following my voting strategy - voting for the right combination of Trustees - for a truly balanced board.

Vote for Yaslyn Daniels, Village of Cold Spring Trustee. Yaslyn Daniels is the only candidate I am voting for with enthusiasm. I have had the pleasure of meeting with Yaslyn and I am very impressed with her intelligence and qualifications. She's a thoughtful person and brings the professional experience our Village needs on the Village Board. She is a registered Democrat running on the Better Together ticket. I have come away from our meetings feeling confident she will do the work and apply the focus required to make informed decisions and vote independently on issues for What is Best for the Village. Yaslyn is running against Tweeps Woods for the remainder of the term vacated by Heidi Bender. Yaslyn is by far the best candidate of the two and is **the key to my voting strategy** because she is unlikely to align with any one person's agenda. Her votes on the Village Board will not be in service to any partisan agenda but will be the result of careful deliberation. This is the kind of Trusteeship we need and with Yaslyn on the Village Board, there will be no majority voting block.

Vote for Cathryn Fadde, Village of Cold Spring Trustee. My second vote for trustee is going to Cathryn Fadde. Cathryn is well known in the Village, was a trustee for 2 years and has run a successful business in the Village for over two decades. I believe she is celebrating 25 years at Cathryn's Tuscan Grill this year. Cathryn understands local business and her experience will be valuable on our Village Board. For residents who lived through the Ailes Era in Cold Spring, you may hesitate in voting for her, however, I think many lessons were learned during that era and today, I am willing to bet on Cathryn.

Vote for Eliza Starbuck, Village of Cold Spring Trustee. My last vote is for Eliza Starbuck. I'm only voting for Eliza as part of my strategy to maintain a balanced board. She is likely to align with Kathleen.

- Dave Merandy

On November 2nd, Vote for What is Best for the Village of Cold Spring!

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A TRULY BALANCED BOARD

PAID NOTICE

Nelsonville Moves Toward 'Opting Out' of Cannabis Law

Discussion of short-term rental regulation continues

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Nelsonville took steps this week toward "opting out" of allowing retail cannabis shops and lounges within its borders, following a municipal path already trod by Cold Spring and Philipstown.

At its monthly meeting on Monday (Oct. 18), the Nelsonville Village Board voted 4-0 to convene a public hearing on Nov. 15 to allow residents to comment on draft legislation in which the village declines to allow marijuana establishments, a new form of commercial venture that were legalized in New York state earlier this year.

The Cold Spring Village Board voted this summer to put the question on the Nov. 2 ballot, while the Philipstown Town Board continues to debate a draft resolution that it plans to vote on before Dec. 31. Municipalities that do not opt out by the end of the year automatically opt in and cannot change that position. But those that opt out can later opt in, which gives them time to adjust zoning codes to cover cannabis businesses.

"As of right now, it is our intent, I believe, to opt out," Nelsonville Mayor Michael Bowman announced in putting the draft law on the table. He said that after soliciting public comments on Nov. 15, the board would vote in December. He also noted that citizens who want to permit marijuana establishments can collect voter signatures to put the issue on the ballot during the March village election.

Before taking up the cannabis shop measure

and routine matters, the board held a public hearing on its latest draft of a law to regulate short-term rentals (STRs), such as weekend and vacation rooms and apartments arranged through Airbnb. The board has pondered the matter, off and on, for several years.

The handful of residents who turned out included those on both sides of the issue.

Favoring long-term renters over a constantly changing stream of overnight visitors in the community, David Herman said that "I much prefer knowing who my neighbors are."

Rudy Van Dommele, who operates Airbnb units, persistently questioned the need for a law. "You're trying to correct something that is not a problem yet and is just based on fear," he said.

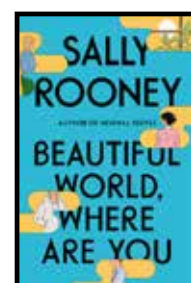
Erin Muir criticized a provision in the draft law limiting rentals to 100 days annually. "That just feels so unfair," she said.

A 100-day cap "would make this financially unviable for us," added Ethan Timm. He compared various restrictions in the draft to an anti-automobile law. "I don't like traffic, but we don't say we ban cars."

Trustee Kathleen Maloney suggested that instead of a 100-day cap on rentals the village limit the number of annual bookings, accommodating both STR owners and renters who want to stay for weeks or months at a time.

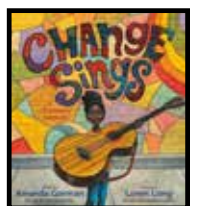
"It's something to discuss," Bowman replied.

He said the board would continue to accept letters on the issue and refine the draft but that there are no plans for a vote in the immediate future.



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for August and September by Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon, and Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.



	Position	previous	TITLE	AUTHOR
ADULT	1	-	<i>Beautiful World, Where Are You</i>	Sally Rooney
	2	2	<i>How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes</i>	Melinda Wenner Moyer
	3	-	<i>Crying in H Mart</i>	Michelle Zauner
	4	3	<i>Hudson Valley History and Mystery</i>	Michael Adamovic
	5	-	<i>The Night Watchman</i>	Louise Erdrich
	6	-	<i>The Hill We Climb</i>	Amanda Gorman
	6	-	<i>Afterparties</i>	Anthony Veasna So
CHILDREN	6	5	<i>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants</i>	Robin Wall Kimmerer
	1	-	<i>Change Sings: A Children's Anthem</i>	Amanda Gorman
	2	-	<i>Kristy and the Snobs</i>	Ann Martin
	3	3	<i>Dog Man: Mothering Heights</i>	Dav Pilkey
	4	-	<i>Karen's Kittycat Club</i>	Ann Martin
5	-	<i>Shine!</i>	J.J. and Chris Grabenstein	