

**Village of Chaumont
Dissolution Study Committee Meeting
Meeting #9 – January 22 @ 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building
Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Scott Aubertine (Town Supervisor), Ed Demattia (Town Resident), Robin Grovesteen (Village Resident), Bill Johnson (Town Resident), Jim Morrow (Village Trustee), Scott Radley (Village Resident), Valerie Rust by phone (Mayor), Marcie Travers-Barth (Town Resident)

Public Members: Pat Reome, John Duvall, Don Bourquin

Consultants: Carrie Tuttle, Star Carter, and Warren Salo, Development Authority of the North Country

Meeting started at 6:00 pm

1. Review Draft Alternatives Report

a. Comments/Feedback

- i. 3.1.7 – fix typo: add “and” to last sentence
- ii. 3.1.8 – change zoning to zoning/code that could be provided by the County
- iii. 3.1.18 – Add sentence to 3rd paragraph stating DSC recommended preferred alternative discussed in the report
- iv. In all sections in the report where references to costs or savings are stated in terms of \$/\$1,000 of assessed value, also state costs or savings in terms of \$/year for an “average” home (based on median home value in town).
- v. More discussion about trash and recycling and different options for this service. The current garbage hauler presented a quote to include recycling services for a cost that is less than what it costs for the Village staff to perform recycling. The committee agreed that in a dissolution scenario, the Town would contract for garbage and recycling services for the refuse district, so that quote will be used for basis of the district rate. The committee agreed to present trash based on \$/\$1000 in general fund for the refuse district. The Town accounts for the transfer site tipping fees for all Town and Village residents in the town-wide taxes now, so there would be no change to how the tipping fee is handled in a dissolution scenario.
- vi. Question was raised regarding 2% tax cap and whether that will hurt the town if that is exceeded in the 1st year post dissolution since the projection is a 7% increase. S. Carter spoke to an attorney at the State Comptroller’s Office and she confirmed that the 2% tax cap does not apply to Towns that are taking over a Village in the year dissolution occurs. The state would evaluate the new Town budget and the dissolution plan and findings and set a determination on the tax levy limit based on those factors.
- vii. Cost savings worksheet will be shared with the DSC.
- viii. Minutes from last meeting will be adjusted based on feedback from Spvs. Aubertine about the cost of trash and recycling services.

2. Discuss Second Public Meeting

- a. Location – Fire Hall was selected as preferred location
- b. Time was selected to be 7:00 p.m.
- c. Date – Feb. 26

3. Other business - none

Meeting	Month	Location
#1 Kickoff and Demographics	June 3	Lyme School Library
#2 What Exists: Municipal Financials	June 26	Municipal Building
#3 What Exists: Municipal Officials & Employees, Public Works, Water & Sewer	August 1	Municipal Building
#4 What Exists: Local Laws, Fire & Ambulance	August 28	Municipal Building
#5 What Exists: Draft Existing Conditions Report	September 25	Municipal Building
#6 Public Meeting #1 - Existing Conditions	October 23	Municipal Building
#7 Alternatives: Dissolution and Other Shared Services Options	November 26	Municipal Building
#8 Alternatives: Second Meeting	December 18	Municipal Building
#9 Draft Alternatives Report	January 22	Municipal Building
#10 Public Meeting #2 - Alternatives	February 26	Municipal Building
#11 Final Dissolution Report and Plan	March 25	Municipal Building