

**Village of Chaumont  
Dissolution Study Committee Meeting  
Meeting #8 – December 18 @ 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 (Mayor), Marcie Travers-Barth (Town Resident), Pat Weston (Town Highway Superintendent)

**Public Members:** Hartley Bonisteel Schweitzer, Pat Reome, Terry Countryman

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

**Meeting started at 6:00 pm**

**1. Finish Reviewing Slides 10-20 of Alternatives Presentation**

a. Slide 11 Capital Project Fund and General Fund Debt

The Committee agreed that the Town would take on existing debt for the Village's backhoe as the Town would like this piece of equipment.

b. Slide 12–13 Fire Protection

The Committee agreed to expand the Town's Fire Protection district to include the former Village.

c. Slide 14 NYS Retirement Deficiency Payment

The Village plans to pay off the debt before dissolution occurs so this would not be transferred to the Town.

d. Slide 15 Wages & Benefits

The Committee agreed that \$2,000 of personnel services related to the Clerk's duties are specifically related to activities that won't go away if the Village dissolves (i.e., beach duties) and that those costs should transfer to the Town. The other personnel services associated with the general fund would go away as those tasks won't be performed (i.e., board meetings, minutes, tax collection, etc.).

e. Slide 16 Water

The Committee did not have any additional comments on the water services as these costs will remain with the district. V. Rust mentioned that the Village plans to utilize some portion of the Village operator's time to serve as clerk of the works for their upcoming capital project. These expenses can be capitalized into the project and this could occur regardless of how the community decides to proceed with Village dissolution.

f. Slide 17 Sewer

The Committee did not have any additional comments on the water services as these costs will remain with the district.

**2. Review Discussion from November Meeting on Alternatives**

g. Slide 5 Buildings and Central Garage

V. Rust explained that the DPW office would not exist in a dissolution scenario. She estimated that \$1,500 for electricity for cold storage would be transferred to the Town, plus \$200 for “water shed” supplies.

V. Rust will review the costs under this category to determine if there are any other costs that are water or sewer related that should be added to those budgets.

h. Slide 6 Maintenance of Streets

The Committee agreed that the costs and revenue for maintenance of streets would all be moved to the Town.

i. Slide 7 Brush & Snow Removal

Brush pick-up is done once a month from May to October by the Village presently. The Committee agreed this would go away.

P. Weston looked at the costs of snow removal and he doesn’t think these costs would be reduced if the Town delivered these services, so he is proposing that all of these costs be moved to the Town.

j. Slide 8 Parks/Playgrounds

V. Rust provided some additional info on the breakdown of these costs. Nothing is changing on the costs as all of these will be moved to the Town.

k. Slide 10 Trash Pickup & Lighting

The Committee agreed that the costs presented in the Alternatives Report would be the same as they are now and would be based on assessed value. The other alternatives discussed include having a private trash provider deliver this service that residents would contract with on their own.

S. Carter provided an estimate of the lighting if this were transferred to a Town-wide expense. The Committee agreed to present this as a Town-wide expense and dissolve the existing TMB lighting district.

**3. Other business**

- l. S. Carter will put together the projected costs impacts for the Town based on the alternatives discussions and draft the Alternatives Report for the January 22 committee meeting.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Location</b>
#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
<b>#8 Alternatives: Second Meeting</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>Municipal Building</b>
#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