

**Village of Chaumont  
Dissolution Study Committee Meeting  
Meeting #2 – June 26 @ 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building  
Minutes**

**Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:**

Scott Aubertine (Town Supervisor), Ed Demattia (Town Resident), Robin Govesteen (Village Resident), Bill Johnson (Town Resident), Jim Morrow (Village Trustee), Scott Radley (Village Resident), Valerie Rust (Village Mayor)

**Consultants:**

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

**Public:** Karen Fitzgerald, Julia Gosier, Don Bourquin

1. Meeting dates for July, November, and December were adjusted as agreed to by the committee. Please see schedule table below. The website calendar and schedule will also be updated.
  
2. Presentation #2: Municipal Financials
  - A summary of the Village and Town financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal years was presented to the Committee.
  - Clarification regarding the Town expense of \$4,000 for water admin was provided by the Supervisor as this cost is water related but is showing up in the Town General Fund. This expense is related to the water billing costs.
  - Generally, the town financial statements indicate stability and healthy fund balances. Village fund balances are low and expenses have occasionally exceeded revenues.
  - The Supervisor explained that the historically large decreases in tax rates were due to the board's policy (at the time) of utilizing fund balance to balance the budget in order to decrease taxes. When fund balance got too low, the Town had to implement a large tax increase in 2013 (slide 39).
  - The Mayor clarified that the water tank debt has been paid off (slide 41) since the FYE18 AUD.
  - The Supervisor clarified that the Highway Truck debt has been paid off (slide 42) since the FYE18 AUD.
  
3. Other business: No other matters were brought before the Committee.
  
4. Updated Meeting Schedule:

<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
#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