
**Summary of Key Steps and Timelines Required by GML Article 17-A
For Board-Initiated Dissolution Process**

- § 774: Proposed dissolution plan:
 1. “The governing body...may, by resolution, endorse a proposed dissolution plan for the purpose of commencing dissolution proceedings under this article.”
 2. The elements of the Plan – see Altmar example
- §775: Publication requirements: No later than 5 days after commencement of the dissolution proceedings, the governing body shall:
 1. Make public a copy of the proposed plan and a descriptive summary – on web site, publish the summary, etc. at least once per week for 4 successive weeks
 2. Mail copy by certified mail to the town supervisor
- § 776: Public hearings on the proposed dissolution plan
 1. Hold one or more hearings on the Plan. No less than 35 and no more than 90 days after commencement of the proceedings
 2. Requires an official notice of the hearing(s) at least 10, but not more than 20 days before the hearing
 3. After the final public hearing of the Plan, the Board may amend the Plan and adopt a final version, or decline to proceed. Approval of the final version must occur within 180 days of the final hearing
 4. No later than 5 days after amending the proposed plan, the Board has to publish and publicize it as specified.
- § 777: Referendum resolution for dissolution of villages
 1. Upon final approval of the Plan, the Board shall enact a resolution calling for a referendum on the proposed dissolution
 2. Referendum must be held at least 60 but no more than 90 days after the enactment of the resolution (§ 780(1))