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## Options for the Future: Village and Town of Malone

Presentation by the Malone Dissolution Study Committee



July 11, 2012

# Tonight's Agenda

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- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Study background and objectives
- ▶ Summary of recommendations for the Dissolution Plan
- ▶ Summary of alternatives to dissolution
- ▶ Estimated tax impact
- ▶ Next steps
- ▶ Questions

# Study Committee Members

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## **Village of Malone**

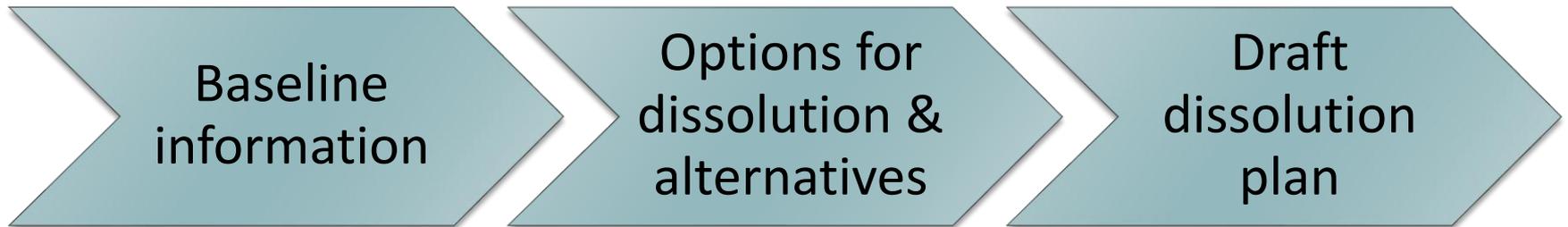
- ▶ Shawn Fournier
- ▶ Todd LePine, Mayor
- ▶ James McKee
- ▶ Don Merrick
- ▶ Joe Riccio, Village Trustee
- ▶ Martha Weaver, Committee Chair

## **Town of Malone**

- ▶ Mary Scharf, Town Councilor
- ▶ Hugh Schickel

# Study Process

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# Malone Plan: Village Employees

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- ▶ Mayor & Board positions eliminated
- ▶ Village administration positions transfer to the Town
- ▶ Town and Village offices will be maintained. Combining both offices in one building could occur following the initial transition.

# Malone Plan: Police

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- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of a police district that would provide service in a portion of the Town and be supported only by properties located within the district.
- ▶ This will require the Town to make a home rule request for special legislation.
- ▶ Village police officers could become Town police officers in the new district.
- ▶ If the State does not approve the creation of a police district, the Town, with input from the public, could choose to offer police Townwide or it could continue to rely on State police.

# Malone Plan: Dept. of Public Works

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- ▶ The Committee recommends no changes to the staffing level of the DPW.
- ▶ Village positions would transfer to the Town.
- ▶ Both garage sites will be maintained at the outset. Possible site changes could occur following the transition.

# Malone Plan: Code Enforcement

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- ▶ Committee recommends that code enforcement staff transfer to the Town.

# Malone Plan: Water & Sewer

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- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of water and sewer districts.
- ▶ Districts will include all water and sewer users.
- ▶ These districts will remain self-supporting by services as at present.
- ▶ Existing water debt will continue to be paid by water users in the newly created water district.

# Malone Plan: Special Districts

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- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of special districts to provide some services to the former Village only.
- ▶ Districts include street lighting, leaf and brush pick-up and post-employment obligations for retirees.

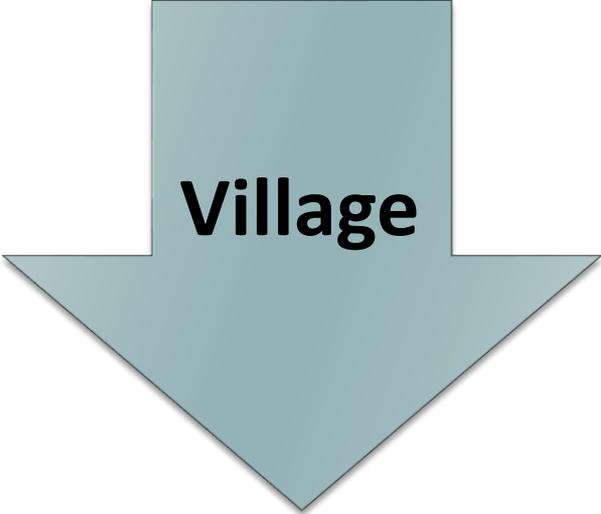
# Malone Plan: Other Elements

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- ▶ Liabilities: none identified
- ▶ Debts: will continue to be paid for by water users
- ▶ General fund balance: will be used for Village purposes; any remaining balance upon dissolution will transfer to the Town
- ▶ Water and sewer fund balance: will transfer to the new water and sewer districts
- ▶ Property: will be owned by the Town
- ▶ Laws and ordinances: to remain in effect for up to two years, unless no longer applicable or amended by the Town

## Impact of Dissolution on Tax Rates

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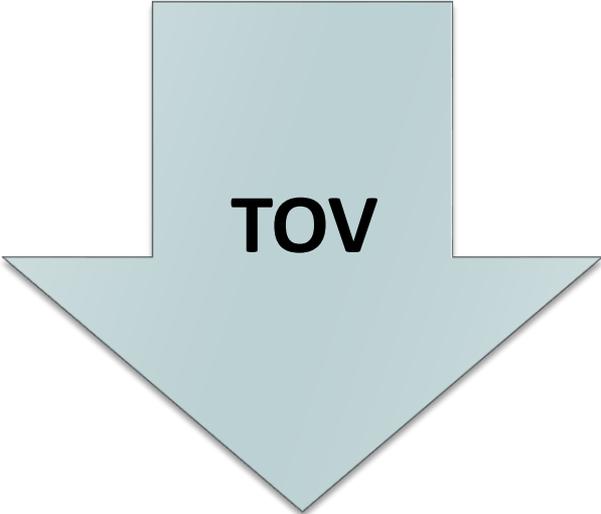


**Village**

Current: \$23.50/\$1,000

With CETC: \$19/\$1,000

Without CETC: \$21/\$1,000



**TOV**

Current: \$8/\$1,000

With CETC: \$7.40/\$1,000

Without CETC: \$9.40/\$1,000

# Impact on a Property Valued at \$75,000

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## **Current Tax Bills:**

- Village: \$1,760
- Town Outside Village: \$610

## **Estimated Tax Bills (with CETC):**

- Village: \$1430
- Town Outside Village: \$555

## **Estimated Tax Bills (without CETC):**

- Village: \$1,580
- Town Outside Village: \$700

# Alternatives to Dissolution

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- ▶ The Town and Village could explore opportunities for greater collaboration with respect to:
  - ▶ Administrative services
  - ▶ Financial administration
  - ▶ Code department
- ▶ The Town and Village may wish to consider sharing office space and co-locating any new garage buildings.
- ▶ The Village may wish to explore new ways to provide police services at lower cost.
- ▶ The Village could implement an employee suggestion program to enable cost-saving ideas to be generated from within the organization.

## Next Steps

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- ▶ The Committee will transmit its proposed Dissolution Plan to the Village Board (July)
- ▶ The Village Board determines whether or not to put the Dissolution Plan up for a vote
- ▶ If the Board decides to hold a vote, the Board will hold a public hearing on the Plan (August) followed by a public vote (could be Nov. 6)
- ▶ If the Board decides not to hold a vote, the Board can choose to implement any of the alternatives (e.g. shared services). The public can also petition for a vote.
- ▶ Dissolution effective date: December 31, 2014

# Your Feedback – Comments and Questions

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