
***Recap of Kickoff Meeting
Dissolution Study Committee – 7/28/09
North Collins Village Hall***

The meeting convened at 7:00pm. Those in attendance included:

Scott Sittig – CGR
Charlie Zettek – CGR

Brenda Bauer-Petrus – Village Trustee
Mary Ann T. Peterson – Town Council
John Mrozek – Village Mayor and Chair of Committee
Lisa Williams – Town Resident
Larry Wroelewski – Town Resident
Anthony George – Town Resident

Those not in attendance but identified as other members of the committee include:

Marty Niefergold – Village Resident
Richard Schaus – Attorney
Marian Vanni – Deputy Town Supervisor

The meeting opened with introductions and then Charlie Zettek provided an overview for the committee on the purpose of the study, the committee's role in the process, and clarified the ultimate goal. The process includes two parts. In part 1, the committee will assess options and consider alternatives to dissolution. In part 2, the committee will focus on dissolution and developing a dissolution plan that the Village Board can offer to the community as part of a public referendum process leading up to a vote to dissolve the Village. Both parts will be completed by December with a report being delivered to the Village Board at that time. A target date for the public referendum is March, 2010.

The committee briefly reviewed Village Law Article 19 and was given a copy of the law in its entirety to read and consider as we move forward.

CGR then reviewed in more detail the work plan and identified key dates with the committee to move forward. Committee meetings dates were set and are as follows:

September 17 – 7pm
October 7 – 7pm
November 10 – 7pm
December 17 – 7pm

All committee meetings will be held in the Village Hall. Dates for public meetings were also considered and will be researched as the committee would like to host public meetings at the local school. Weeks being considered for public meetings are the weeks of: Aug 24, Oct 19, and

Nov 30. The Mayor will confirm available days and times for these meetings and will get back to the committee as soon as possible.

The committee discussed the merits of a written survey versus a phone survey. CGR handed out a template of questions that is being used by other communities who are surveying their residents regarding government services and concerns or issues related to dissolution. The committee determined that they would prefer to do a phone survey and will review the questions and make changes in the next couple of weeks. They also decided they would like to make written feedback a possibility at the public meetings, through the website and will consider other alternatives in order to give everyone a chance to weigh in during this process. Many of the logistics for the phone survey were discussed and a plan for advertising was also developed. The survey will be administered to the whole Town.

The committee likes the idea of having a website and work will begin on that website for it to be operational by the first public meeting at the end of August. Other strategies such as newsletters, newspaper ads etc were also discussed as marketing and community outreach are essential to this process.

The committee decided by consensus that the Mayor will serve as the Chair of the Committee. CGR will begin right away with scheduling interviews and collecting data.

Notes provided by Scott Sittig – 7/29/09