

Dissolution Study Committee

Minutes
June 22, 2011

Civic Center Community Rm
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Tim Connolly

Present: Michele Arnold, Tim Connolly, Cindy Goliber, Eleanor Hopke, Mark Lee, Dan Parker, Mario Pusateri, Rose Rivezzi, Steve Warr, Jamie Saunders

Absent: Ruth Garner, Alexandra Jacobs, Jack McGuire, Marie Regan, Will Siegfried, Mike Zagrobelny

I. Minutes: May 11, 2011 minutes approved

II. Announcements and Updates:

- A. June 29 - Final date to notify Village Clerk/Treasurer of Public Hearing
- B. July 20 - Public Hearing on Committee Dissolution Plan and Report
- C. July 27 - DSC Meeting - Approval of FINALIZED Study and Plan
- D. No Later than July 31 - Final Committee Report and Plan submitted to Village Board

III. Discussions:

A. Draft Study and Plan –

- 1. Feedback/Modifications Received
 - a. Corrections in totals in Table 1, p. 6; CGR will manually correct all tables if there is rounding up/down.
 - b. Executive Summary addition per Eleanor
 - c. Police District Option addition per Michele
 - d. Corrections per Dan
 - e. Corrections per subcommittee chairs
 - f. MOU added to Hydro Options per Eleanor
- 2. Issues Noted
 - a. Public reads newspapers more than the final report
 - b. Government changes, from State, County, etc will change Potsdam, with or without dissolution
 - c. Fire protection district will be town wide
 - d. DPW subcommittee will communicate the results of CGR's legal research re: Hydro (2 dams, debt and revenue) staying with the former village, then transferring to the town
- 3. Public Comment
 - a. Brush pickup in DPW Options report – discussion about public's opinion vs. subcommittee's; concluded not to change it. Key point: eliminating this service does not result in any savings from staff or equipment elimination.
 - b. Subcommittee chairs will list common/popular myths & misunderstandings in a Q/A format for Jamie by July 8.
- 4. Draft Study and Plan (Pending Modifications)

a. Motion to approve Study and Plan passed.

B. Public Mtg June 8 –

1. Venue
2. Attendance
 - a. Increase attendance with a media strategy and by personal invitations
3. Changes
 - a. Insist on speakers identifying themselves: name, address, and village or town resident
4. Set-up
 - a. microphones needed

IV. Public Reflections: Tim Dominy, town resident: It is difficult to comprehend a 2.5 times tax increase; this dissolution will create a rift between village and town residents.

V. Calendar: Wednesday, 7/27/11, 3rd floor Civic Ctr Community Rm, 6 – 7:30 pm

VI. Adjournment: 7:55 pm

Submitted by Michele Arnold