

A message from the Chairman, Potsdam Dissolution Study Committee

Nurturing what is best about Potsdam:

In January 2010, the Village Board of Trustees authorized the formation of a Dissolution Study Committee tasked with preparing a plan for the dissolution of the Village, as required by New York State Village Law Article 19. In the coming months, this committee will be working diligently to develop an in-depth understanding of how our Village and Town governments currently function. We will use this information to make reasonable recommendations concerning police protection, street maintenance, water, sewer, community planning, and all other services currently provided by the Village.

Our best efforts will only come about when you observe and contribute to the process. You will notice that our work schedule provides for public hearings at crucial points in the process. Additionally, comments are always welcomed at the close of each committee meeting and through mail or e-mail. Please remember that the best way to ensure your concerns are addressed is by ensuring you are heard!

The committee will conclude its work in the Spring of 2011, at which time the Village Board will take ownership of the plan. They will then decide whether to put the plan before Village voters. Please know that whether our work culminates in the dissolution or continuation of Potsdam Village, it is the will of each member of the Study Committee to provide residents with a thoughtful road-map for our community's future.

Tim Connolly, Chairman