

Dear Fellow Team Member-

I want to begin our joint effort with a word of thanks. In the months & years ahead we will be tackling a wide range of contentious issues as we work slowly toward our completed study. As I look over the committee roster, I can't help thinking that Mayor Tischler did an amazing job of selecting persons of talent, vision, and devotion.

As we work, there will be times when each of us will find ourselves separated from the rest of our team by seemingly insurmountable chasms of ideology. At these moments, tensions may run high! But we must remember that these tensions are born out of the same ingredients that make us each an ideal choice to wrestle with this issue. In hopes of keeping our team productive and cordial in those trying moments I have developed a set of Ground Rules that will help channel our respective passions.

Currently, the Local Government Efficiency Grant that will fund our efforts is working its way through the Department of State. Once a decision on funding is made, our work can begin. In the meantime, there is homework each of us can do to prepare. Trustee Yurgartis has amassed a repository of information pertaining to dissolution on his website: [www.yurgartis.net](http://www.yurgartis.net). Take some time in the next few weeks to browse these documents - especially the studies completed by other communities.

Again, thank you all for your commitment to our team. Together, our efforts will provide community stakeholders with the tools and information they need to make an informed choice about the future of our Village.

Sincerely,  
Tim Connolly