



Village of Seneca Falls Dissolution Study Committee Newsletter

To Keep Village and Town Residents Informed

July, 2009

Subcommittee work is progressing....

The (5) subcommittees are working very hard to gather and understand much information in order to produce final recommendations. The Planning Subcommittee presented an interim report at the June 22 meeting. You'll find a summary of this report in this newsletter. The remaining (4) groups will present interim reports including the significant alternatives under consideration at the July 27 meeting. Please plan to attend this informative July meeting. Each subcommittee will fully consider comments and new information during August and will refine their recommendations to be ready for presentation at the important September 16 Public Meeting. Please check the meeting schedule below and plan to participate in this dissolution process.

Survey Thank You...

Thank you for sharing your time and ideas during the recent telephone survey. Your thoughts are very important to us. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Interim Report of the Planning Subcommittee

Bernie Lucchesi, subcommittee chair, reported that she and members Ann Agnello and Bill McGrimley have had several meetings with town and village personnel and the several committees, boards and commissions. Although their recommendation is not yet complete, she did report that, at this point, they have found no insurmountable barriers to dissolution. Commissions, boards and committees would be combined with those of the town with the membership reduced over time to desired levels. Village laws and codes, including those of the Historic Preservation District, would be accepted as they are by the town. Work to reconcile them, respecting the unique requirements of village life, will begin quickly in order to create a consolidated town code. Bernie noted that additional work needs to be done to address statutory requirements of the Historic District and to finalize details of the combined town and village code enforcement positions. The Planning Subcommittee's final recommendations will be presented at the September 16 public meeting.

Committee Members

Ann Agnello
Menzo Case, Secretary
Phil Dressing, Chairman
Bernie Lucchesi
Al Martignetti, Vice Chair
Ken McConnell
Bill McGrimley
Suzanne Sinclair
Frank Sinicropi
And **Non Voting** Members:
Peter Same, SF Town Supervisor
Diana Smith, SF Mayor
Connie Swards, SF Administrator

Sub-Committees

Administration—Chair, Menzo Case and B. Lucchesi and S. Sinclair
Budget, landfill agreements, insurance, employees & job descriptions and revenue sharing with town

Planning—Chair, Bernie Lucchesi and A. Agnello and B. McGrimley *Local laws, zoning, historical preservation, visitors center, town and village board functions.*

Public Safety—Chair, Al Martignetti and K. McConnell and F. Sinicropi
Police & Fire Protection, assets, budget, alternatives such as fire districts and town police

Public Works—Chair, Suzanne Sinclair and A. Martignetti, K. McConnell & B. McGrimley *Integration issues with town, assets, budgets and personnel*

Water/Sewer—Chair, Frank Sinicropi and A. Agnello and M. Case. *Assets, budgets, debts, agreements & Bridgeport Sewer District*

Voice Your Opinion

Post your comments at www.cgr.org/senecafalls or leave your questions at (315) 568-1180 or mail your concerns to Dissolution Study, Village of Seneca Falls, 60 State Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Next Meetings

July 27, Aug. 24, Oct 22, Dec. 7,
2009 6 PM at the Village Hall &
Sept. 16, and Nov. 12, 2009
7 PM at St. John Bosco
81 W. Bayard St, Seneca Falls