

Dissolution Study Committee (DSC)

Minutes

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Jan. 12, 2011

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

Chairperson: Tim Connolly

Present: Tim Connolly, Ruth Garner, Cindy Goliber, Eleanor Hopke, Alexandra Jacobs, Mario Pusateri, Marie Regan, Rose Rivezzi, Will Siegfried, Steve Warr, Mike Zagrobelny

Excused: Michele Arnold, Jack McGuire, Mark Lee, Dan Parker

Absent:

I. Minutes: 12/08/10 minutes approved

II. Sub-Committee Reports

DPW & Utility: Mario Pusateri

- The sub-committee met on January 7th at which time Bruce Henderson (Village DPW) presented an overview of his department of 16 (15 plus himself). He walked the group through a complete list of departmental duties for which he budgets 30,000 man hours per year (26,000 plus time off).
- Town Highway (THD) equipment differs in being more generic and multipurpose than its counterparts in DPW which tend to be more specific in function and more adapted to more urban needs. (One such example is the use of single axle dump trucks in the Village where tandem trucks as used in the town would lack adequate maneuverability).
- Some Village plowing (such as Damon Field) is time sensitive because of daily air freight deliveries. Landing offsets airport plowing costs.
- DPW uses 23000 of vehicle fuel per year. Thanks to a newly installed wood furnace in the garage, heating costs have dropped from ~\$9000 in '02 to ~\$3000 in '09.
- The Village maintains a GIS system to help manage assets throughout the municipality.
- There are several Shared Service MOUs which include ones with Town and Norwood.
- Committee's work is ~66% complete.

Courts: Cindy Goliber

- Committee's work is ~25% complete.

Fire & Rescue: Rose Rivezzi

- A map outlining existing Fire Protection Districts (FPDs) was presented so as to provide the whole committee with an understanding of the area effected post-dissolution.
- Fire truck debt is anticipated to be gone before any dissolution would take effect.
- The main issue facing the town, should dissolution be approved, is whether the practice of paid drivers would continue. An in-depth description of their duties was given. It was seen that, while the drivers specifically work for the benefit of the Village, their work benefits the whole town in many ways.
- Committee's work is ~90% complete.

Police: Eleanor Hopke

- With the assistance of CGR, a graphical outline of service delivery in a representative month and year was exhibited.
- Three graphs were presented showing demand over a year, week, and day. A map plot of calls in a representative month was also discussed.
- The committee has yet to get a chance to meet with the county sheriff.
- Committee's work is ~35% complete.

Code: (I have no idea who spoke)

- The side-by-side comparison of the Town and Village codes has been completed and the compilation of divergent points is well under way.
- Committee's work is ~80% complete.

General: Alex Jacobs

- Current projects include a comparison of Village/Town labor contracts and a staffing summary for office staff in both municipalities.
- Duties & assignments for the offices of Code Enforcement, Planning, Museum, Airport, & Recreation remain undone.
- Interviews with the Village Clerk, Administrator, Planner and CEO are on the agenda.
- Committee's work is ~___% complete.

III. Additional Items

Sean Maguire (NYS DOS) provided additional clarification on the difference between a Fire Protection District and a Fire District. Additionally, he also addressed the time-line for an article 17a challenge following a November vote against dissolution. He projects the next possible date to hold a dissolution vote would be March/April of 2012.

IV. Public Reflections: William Beebe (comments on file)

V. Next meeting: Wednesday, 2/9/11 Community Rm, 6 – 7:30 pm

VI. Adjournment: 7:20 pm

Submitted by Tim Connolly