

Dissolution Study Committee

Minutes

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May 26, 2010

Civic Center Community Rm
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Tim Connolly

Present: Michele Arnold, Tim Connolly, Ruth Garner, Cindy Goliber, Eleanor Hopke, Mark Lee, Dan Parker, Mario Pusateri, Rose Rivezzi, Will Siegfried, Steve Warr

Excused: Marie Regan, Mike Zagrobelny

Absent: Alexandra Jacobs, Jack McGuire,

I. Minutes: April 12 minutes approved with revisions

II. Announcements and Updates:

A. Tim Connolly announced: he sent DSC reports to the Village Board 3/5, 5/3; will send one 6/21. Approved minutes are posted on the website. He will meet with St. Lawrence County Sherriff 6/3.

III. Discussions:

A. Village Debt – Dave Fenton presented *DEBT FOR THE VILLAGE OF POTSDAM* : he explained the particulars of the village debt, expiration dates, revenue funds, taxes, the hydro plant, and retirement benefits, among others.

B. Service Inventory – DSC members discussed the opportunity for the town to communicate what services it would consider keeping and how the town envisions a dissolution plan. This information, as well as election campaign platforms, would greatly assist the public understanding of the relevant/key issues in November 2011.

C. St. Lawrence County Board of Elections – Tim reported that the statistics show that the village has fewer voters than the town, and that the village residents vote with less frequency than the town.

IV. Public Reflections: Dave Fenton expressed the opinion that Village-Town problems or conflicts will become internalized within the town (if the village dissolves and that there will be conflict with the village of Norwood regarding taxes.

V. Next meeting: Wednesday, 6/9 3rd floor Civic Ctr Community Rm, 7 – 8:30 pm

VI. Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Submitted by Michele Arnold