

**Village of Morristown  
Dissolution Study Committee Meeting  
Meeting #1 – February 28 @ 6:00 p.m., Morristown Fire Hall  
Minutes**

**Attendance**

**Committee:** Cheryl Shatraw, Mark Blanchard, John Newtown, Jay Moore, Philip Barse, Chris Coffin, Don Woods, John Barse

**Public:** Wayne Sardullo, Kevin Crosby, RB Lawrence, Sandra Warren, Shawn Macaulay, Dave VanArnam, Frank Putman

**1. Introductions**

- Note: Mr. Newtown’s name on Committee listing is spelled incorrectly and will be updated.
- The objectives of the study, role of the Dissolution Study Committee, the steps in the process, schedule for committee meetings and public informational meetings were discussed/ reviewed.
- All meeting information will be posted on the Committee webpage and meetings are open to the public. Extra copies of the meeting materials will be provided to the Village/Town or other Committee members to post or disseminate at locations where interested residents without a computer may view.

**2. DOS Work Plan**

- This is the outline of the objective and steps that the Village will be undertaking to complete this Dissolution Study. A copy of the Department of State (DOS) Work Plan is posted on the Committee webpage. The DOS will be reimbursing the Village for 50% of the costs of the study. If dissolution proceeds then the DOS will reimburse 90% of the total costs of the study.

**3. Dissolution Study Meetings and Topics**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Month</b>
#1 Kickoff and Demographics	February 28
#2 What Exists: Municipal Financials	March 28
#3 What Exists: Municipal Officials & Employees	April 25
#4 What Exists: Fire Department	May 23
#5 What Exists: Dept. of Public Works & Highway Dept.	June 27
#6 Draft Existing Conditions Report	July 25
#7 Public Meeting #1 - Existing Conditions	August 22
#8 Alternatives	September 26
#9 Draft Alternatives Report	October 24
#10 Public Meeting #2 - Alternatives	November 28
#11 Final Dissolution Report and Plan	December 26
#12 Public Hearing (if recommended by committee)	January 23, 2018

#### **4. Presentation #1: Demographics and Socioeconomics**

- S. Carter provided an overview of the demographics and socioeconomics for the Village of Morristown and how the Village compares to other communities in St. Lawrence County.
- Slide 13; missing zero in one figure; correction will be made.
- K. Schwenzfeier, DOS, presented the two ways that municipal dissolution can occur: 1) voter initiated dissolution; or 2) board initiated dissolution. The process the Village is undertaking is a board initiated process. This information is presented on slides 16 and 17.
- A preliminary estimate of the Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC) was computed to be \$149,509 per year. The actual CETC would be equal to the tax levy in the Village and Town in the final year prior to dissolution.

#### **5. Committee Members & Contact Info**

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#### **6. Other business:** Next meeting will be March 28 at 6:00 pm.