



**July 1, 2016**

**Community is invited to a Public Meeting  
Describing Town Efficiency/Consolidation Process and Ongoing Study**

Residents of the Towns of Clifton and Fine are invited to a public meeting on Wednesday July 20, 2016 to learn about the Town Efficiency/Consolidation Study that is underway. The meeting will be at 6:00 PM at the Clifton-Fine Central School.

The appointed Efficiency/Consolidation Committee has been conducting a study since January 2015 with assistance from the study consultant, the Development Authority of the North Country and the New York Department of State. In January of 2016, the Committee presented the results of the first phase of the study which described how services are delivered to taxpayers in each town and the costs of those services. The second phase of the study evaluated viable alternatives for delivering municipal services through both potential shared service opportunities and municipal consolidation. The purpose of this second Public Informational meeting is to:

- Summarize the work completed by the Committee which is detailed in the draft *Alternatives Report*
- Explain the next steps in the study process
- Provide an overview of the municipal consolidation process and the incentives offered to communities through the Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit program

The efficiency/consolidation study is being funded in-part through a state grant. The committee is posting information developed during the study at the following link.

<http://www.danc.org/operations/engineering/clifton-fine-efficiencyconsolidation-study>

Committee members urge Town residents to attend the July 20<sup>th</sup> session and to visit the website to learn more about the consolidation process and next steps. The Town boards anticipate the Committee will be finished with the study by August 1, 2016. The Committee is recommending a vote on consolidation be put on the November 8, 2016 ballot. For those tax payers/residents that are unable to attend the meeting, copies of the presentation will be made available online and at the Town of Clifton and Fine municipal offices.

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:** Chuck Hooven, Sue Westbrook, Jerry Cooper, Joe DeMart, Cory Perrault, Kelly Smith, Mark Hall, Sherm Craig, Brian Donovan, Roger Folsom, and Chris Westbrook.