

Village of Hermon Dissolution Study Committee Meeting

1/22/15

Attendees: Cathy Race, Jeff Foster, David Doiron, Sheri Smith, Lee Carvel, Tracey Woodrow, Nathan Young, Tim Burley, Carrie Tuttle Larry Denesha

1. Local Law Review - T. Burley provided an overview of the Local Law review which is detailed in Section 9 of the Existing Conditions Report.
 - a. A review of the laws from Existing Conditions Report follows:
 - i. Laws Recommended to Keep
 - Junk and Junkyards 1985, 1998, 2005
 - Regulating Outdoor Junk Storage 2005
 - Prohibiting Unnecessary Noise
 - Regulate Public and Private Sewer Use
 - Sidewalk Repairs
 - Committee expressed concern that imposing curfew would be a positive thing to help address the issue of kids getting into trouble and congregating in areas at night; question to research - do any other Towns have curfew laws and are they enforced? T. Burley will research.
 - ii. Laws Recommended to Sunset
 - Open Container
 - Open Meeting Law (redundant to State laws)
 - Authorize BINGO
 - iii. Further Investigation
 - Snowmobile Use – need to investigate further if Town has a law (check 5 to 12 years ago)
 - Lawn maintenance (or lack thereof), broken windows, abandoned properties/blight should be considered in a new law. Law needs to be written such that the municipality can re-coop their expenses if they have to take action to clean up a property. The Committee expressed concern that there are several existing laws and/or ordinances that could be positive for the Village but presently the laws aren't enforced. If new laws are established they will need to be enforced or they won't be of value.
 - Removal of Elm Trees
 - Outdoor Wood Boilers
 - iv. Zoning/Planning
 - C. Tuttle will email a sample Comprehensive Plan out to DSC so they can see what one looks like; Committee will need to determine whether they think the Town should have a Comprehensive Plan for the community
 - Committee will need to determine whether they want to pursue zoning. An option for zoning could be to establish two different zones; one for the

current Village and the other for the remainder of the Town. This may be beneficial if there are certain restrictions that would apply only in the Village (i.e., fence setbacks, trees trimming, etc.)

b. Ordinances

- i. Article 2 – Nuisances: This may be valuable to keep; Committee would like to see what other Towns are doing and incorporate this into junk laws, blight/etc.
- ii. Article 3 – Speed limit should be incorporated into Town law for Village limits; gross weight limit should be considered for certain areas of the Village; parking and signage should also be kept; compliance with NYS Vehicle Laws is replaced with NYS Law.
- iii. Article 4 Fire Prevention Code – replaced with NYS Law, building codes, etc.
- iv. Article 5 – sunset
- v. Article 6 – fits in with law on sidewalks
- vi. Article 7 – shade trees; could be useful to keep some of these; fences are not currently regulated in any way and that should be considered further in terms of how they are installed (offset from property line, etc.); planting trees in the ROW can also be a problem.
- vii. Article 8 – Streets sunset probably covered in Town laws; sidewalks incorporate with other ordinances and laws; question of lighting district or not.
- viii. Article 9 & Article 11 – Village Board and Staff Conduct: would be superseded by State law
- ix. Article 10 – Fire Ordinances: Are there differences between the Village and the Town presently? T. Burley will investigate this further.
- x. Article 12 – Licenses: Peddlers - may be important to carry forward because there are people that go door-to-door selling things and they don't have permits; garbage collection – are there County ordinances on this already? T. Burley will investigate.
- xi. Article 13 – Dumping Waste & Inflammable Matter – superseded by State laws

c. Rental Properties (Research what other communities are doing)

- i. Some people in the community believe that that rental properties should be inspected annually
- ii. Some people believe that garbage receptacle should have to be provided by landlord

2. Discuss/Review Draft **What Exists** Report

- a. Committee reviewed the Draft What Exists Report. No specific comments were received. The Committee will submit comments in advance of the next meeting and a final report will be presented for approval at the next meeting in Feb.

3. Next Steps for Project & Proposed Revised Schedule

- a. Finalize **What Exists** Report & Develop Alternatives/Options (2/26/15)
- b. Review Alternatives/Options Assessment Report & Discuss Recommendations (3/26/15)

- c. Finalize **Options Report & Recommendations** (4/23/15)
- d. INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING #1 – Mid-May Details TBD
- e. Compile **Existing Conditions, Options, Recommendations, and Executive Summary** (5/21/15)
- f. Finalize Report and Submit to Village and Town Boards (6/25/15)
- g. INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING #2 – July 2015 Details TBD
- h. All Committee Meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at Hermon Town Hall