

Village of Hermon

Dissolution Study Committee

Meeting #11 – 6/11/2015 @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Hermon Town Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Lee Carvel, Jane Doiron, Dave Doiron, Jeff Foster, Cathy Race, Tracey Woodrow, Sheri Smith, Carrie Tuttle

1. Alternatives Report - the Committee reviewed the changes recommended by J. Matthews to incorporate a new Appendix B table that shows the impact of utilizing 70% of the CETC instead of 100% towards tax reductions. On 6/5/15, C. Tuttle verified that the Town Outside Village and Village Town tax rate for 2014 is the same and consistent with what was included in the Alternatives Report. The Committee recommended the Alternatives Report be finalized.
2. The Committee reviewed the draft Implementation Plan and agreed that no additional changes are needed and the Plan can be finalized and posted to the webpage.
3. The Committee reviewed the responses provided by R. Roeckle (DOS) in response to the questions raised at the 6/4/15 meeting:
  - a. The Committee questioned how taxes will work with respect to the timing of the Village and Town taxes. If the Village collects taxes in June of 2016 and then the Village dissolves effective 12/31/16, do Village residents receive a credit for their taxes that have been paid for the full year?

Since the Village is collecting taxes based on their budget, the Village budget should only be for the time period the Village will exist. So their budget year for the final year of existence should not go beyond 12/31/16. Any additional funds left at the time of dissolution would go towards village debt or would need to be transferred to any reserve accounts set up for specific purposes, otherwise it becomes general revenue for the town.

- b. The Committee questioned the process regarding water and sewer district formation and whether the permissive referendum process is applicable for the water and sewer district process; since there would be no option if the Village dissolves but for the Town to create districts.

DOS is trying to receive clarification from New York State Office of State Comptroller (OSC) on this matter. We were of the opinion that a permissive referendum would not

be necessary since the board initiated dissolution referendum is being done with a plan that outlines the creation of the special districts. But we are waiting direction from OSC.

4. The Committee discussed the proposed schedule for proceeding with the dissolution process. The schedule below will be forwarded to DOS and C. Nash (Village counsel) to review.
  - a. The final Dissolution Plan will be compiled into a single PDF, posted on the webpage and distributed to the Committee and the Town and Village Board by June 16, 2015
  - b. The Village will meet on June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to approve the Dissolution Plan and set the Public Hearing Date.
  - c. The Town will meet on June 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to approve the Dissolution Plan and set the Public Hearing Date.
  - d. The Public Hearing date will be July 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.; it has to be >35 days and <90 days after the Village approves the plan.
  - e. If the Town and Village Boards do not deem any changes to the Dissolution Plan are required then the Boards will adopt the Dissolution Plan at the Public Hearing on July 23, 2015. If changes are warranted then the Plan will be amended and forwarded to the Village and Town Board for adoption at their next regularly scheduled board meetings.
  - f. After the Boards adopt the Dissolution Plan, then the date of the referendum will be set. The date of the referendum will be >60 days after the date of adoption which could be mid-to-late September.
  
5. The Committee agreed that the tri-fold flyers won't be handed out until the date of the referendum is set. Then the flyers will be updated and printed for Committee members to distribute.
  
6. C. Tuttle reminded the Committee that the DOS will reimburse the Village for 90% of the costs of the Dissolution Study (instead of 50%) if the referendum is approved.
  
7. Next Meeting – Public Hearing 7/23/15 at 6:00 p.m.