

Village of Hermon

Dissolution Study Committee

Meeting #3 – 8/28/2014 @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Hermon Library

Minutes

Attendees: Lee Carvel, David Doiron, Cathy Race, Sherri Smith, Jamie Matthews, Tim Burley, Brian Tulip, and Carrie Tuttle

1. B. Tulip provided a review of the PowerPoint presentation posted on the WebPage. C. Tuttle covered a slide that provided an update on the Demographics and Socioeconomic Presentation that was reviewed last month. Several comments were received and have been addressed in an updated version of the PowerPoint Presentation that will be posted on the Hermon DSC WebPage.

Questions and comments are summarized below.

- Confirm the miles of Town and County roads. The Town received \$4/mile from the County for plowing of road and they appear to be switched. *The Town and Village miles of road were switched and have been corrected.*
- Confirm number of Town Highway employees; it may decrease from 6 to 5. *The number of town employees is actually 5 with the Highway Superintendent. PowerPoint has been updated.*
- Some committee members expressed interest in the Village assuming ownership of sidewalks and developing a comprehensive plan
- Expenditures for Fire Dept. exceed the revenue. *A note was added to slide 18 that clarifies the difference is coming from net cash.*
- Are the property taxes paid for on the spring lots included in the water budget? *T. Burley will address this in next presentation.*
- Slide 20 – parcel 12 and 13 are used by Village since the sewer line runs through these parcels and access is needed for maintenance. *Slide updated to reflect present use.*
- Slide 21 – delete the line from the “Spring Lot” label going to Lot 5. The Spring Lot is Lot 7 only. *Correction made.*
- Slide 22 – some Village parcels are missing from the map (i.e., 12 and 13). *Map updated.*
- T. Burley suggested that the Village obtain some pictures of the old water tank and email them to a vendor that specializes in tank demolition.
- Question was asked about County roads that go through the Village; if the Village dissolves could those roads go back to the County instead of the Town? *Initial research indicates that the Town would become responsible for Village Roads. Preliminary conversations with the County indicate they would not be willing to take over the roads as many do not meet their specifications, etc. Department of State will be asked if there is any precedent for a County being required to take over Village roads instead of a town.*

2. Fred Morrill provided an overview of the County's proposal to assist with efforts to rehabilitate the culvert; including a draft resolution to be presented at the next Village and Town board meetings. Fred also provided an update on the status of the workers' compensation. He went over the historical way that workers' compensation has been calculated which includes worker claims (30%) and assessment value (70%). The contract is at the end this year. Fred proposed that risk be assessed based on the type of employees and their job (i.e., administrative personnel = low, highway = higher, etc). Over the next three years, the percent of calculation based on property values will decrease from 70% to 50%. Fire Fighter injuries were included in the workers' compensation claims assessments previously. Under the new plan, all volunteer Fire Fighters will be assessed \$190 premium each and will be covered by the Counties plan. Joe Peckham has the formula.
3. Committee reviewed minutes from July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Reviewed schedule revision:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Month</b>
Demographics & Taxes	July 24, 2014
Highway, Fire Dept., Misc.	August 28, 2014
Water/Sewer	September 25, 2014
Personnel, Budgets	October 23, 2014
BREAK	November 2014
BREAK	December 2014
Draft "What Exists"	January 22, 2015
Finalize "What Exists"	February 26, 2015
BREAK	March 2015
BREAK	April 2015
Options Discussion - Topic 1 (TBD)	May 21, 2015
Options Discussion - Topic 2 (TBD)	June 25, 2015
Options Discussion - Topic 3 (TBD)	July 23, 2015
Draft "Options" Portion of Report	August 27, 2015
Finalize "Options" Report	September 24, 2015
INFORMATIONAL MEETING #1	October 22, 2015

5. DSC Website Update: 162 unique users viewed the webpage last month. The link to the site follows:

<http://www.danc.org/operations/engineering/hermon-dissolution-study>

6. Trout Lake Association Meeting – C. Tuttle met with Chris Downs (Association president) and other Trout Lake property owner and provided overview of Dissolution Study Process, Schedule, Demographic Presentation, WebPage, etc. A meeting was offered next summer when seasonal residents will be back in Town. C. Tuttle also discussed the project with Laurie Morse. She expressed her concern about the impact of potential dissolution on Trout Lake tax payers, she also reviewed the WebPage and indicated she was pleased with the level of detail that has been posted, and provided some suggestions on the demographic presentation.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by C. Tuttle