

June 7 , 2006 Minutes **Town Village Merger Task Force**

Present: Nick Heyniger, Steve Carter, Sally Shane, Marilyn Spaulding, Jan Noskey, Susan Inui-Kelly, Wittie Lynn, Tom Rutkowski, Mark Curran, Grettie Howe, Candace Coburn

1. Took the group photo – for those of you who missed it, you’ll get another chance on June 29th at my house. But the photo is great for now and I believe will be placed on our web site.
2. Grettie reviewed the happenings with the Selectboard and that they are moving ahead with setting up a plan to have basic police protection in the Town – this will need to be voted on. This vote will probably be set for sometime in August with a projected start date of September. However, details are still being addressed by both the Selectboard and the Trustees.
3. Sally Shane agreed to be the “Public Meeting Coordinator”. She’ll be contacting the surrounding hamlets and see if some dates may be set for us to make a presentation.
4. The next Trustee meeting is on Monday, June 26th. All members of this committee are encouraged to attend – strength in numbers!
5. Steve Carter will be away for a month beginning June 22nd. He will get the finalized version of the plan to Phil before our next meeting. Once set, he’ll get it to the League of Cities and Town’s for their input.
6. Nick extended kudos for the pamphlet.
7. Discussed printing costs. Wittie will research costs. We’ll approach the Town and Village to see if there are any funds available. We discussed that each member of this committee might kick in up to \$25 each. If anyone is uncomfortable with this, please let me know.
8. Wittie will also review the document she pulled together early in this process and make sure we have hit all the “talking points”.

Next meeting June 14th at the Town Hall, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Agendas:

June 14 – Final Plan Review

June 21 – No meeting (sorry I’m already booked that evening)

June 26 – Monday – presentation to Village Trustees

June 29 - **Pot Luck dinner at my house** – 6:00 – All are invited (partners, too) You can get my address off the web site! I will provide the entrée – please RSVP by June 27th.

July 5th – Set plan for getting the info out over the summer

July 12th – Rotary luncheon – 12:00 noon Merger Presentation. No evening meeting.

First, thanks so much to all those who were able to make the dinner last evening – great fun to be together without an agenda! Next time let's hope for better weather...

And I forgot to take another group picture – I know you are all disappointed. But Wittie did get some fun candids.

And now, back to business:

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1. Wittie discussed pricing for the brochure – more expensive than we had believed.
2. Sally discussed that she called UNH for the survey development and also how she was chatting with some folds in Taftsville and they were not aware people were working on the merger.
3. Reviewed the Preliminary Plan of Merger. Candace to call the VCRD on getting assistance.
4. Steve gave a copy to Phil.
5. Next steps are:
 - a. Get approval of the PPofM from the two local boards.
 - b. Get PPofM to legislature. They in turn put it into an Act and vote.
 - c. Get the PPofM to the Town and Village voters.

1. Jan discussed surveys and what additional value will we get.
2. Nick feels a survey is important so we may state what % is behind this effort.
3. Wittie presented “Talking Points”. Once again, great job! Please email your thought so Wittie.
4. Discussed role playing at the next meeting – practicing giving answers to tough questions.
5. Phil has been contacted and gave a report to me on \$\$\$. I'll share at the next meeting.
6. Presentation was made to the Trustees. All went well. Afterwards I spoke with Eric, and he is very concerned about Village interests being upheld should there be a merger.

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July 6th – (I think this date is correct – could be the 5th) Grettie presents brochure to the Selectboard

NOTE ROTARY DATE CHANGE – was the 12th

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