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Dissolution committee told to focus on day one

JOHNSON CITY Charles Zetek Jr., a consultant with Rochester-based Center for Government Research, told the Johnson City dissolution committee Monday night to create a plan that allows for the possibility of Endicott dissolving into Union in the future.

Zetek also encourages the committee to focus on how the "new town" will look after day one, instead of identifying benchmarks that may take three to five years to materialize. For example, a metropolitan police department isn't something Johnson City could create in the first year, he said.

Zetek admitted dissolution would require non-village taxpayers to pay higher taxes initially, but some costs might be offset by the state's Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program.

-- Eric Reinagel
