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To the Village of Seneca Falls:

Seneca Falls is a community of progressive thinkers - and do-ers. This dissolution study is an excellent example.

When forecasts showed tough economic times ahead, we were already on our current path to cut costs. Working together with the town, we established a Comprehensive Plan and an Economic Development Strategy, and since both of those processes identified lowering taxes as a community objective, we are now preparing a dissolution plan for voters to consider.

On April 30, you heard our consultants, CGR, outline the process that will be followed; and you met the citizen-comprised committee that will ultimately prepare the plan. Be sure to thank these individuals when you see them on the street. This is no small undertaking and represents the pinnacle of public service: struggling through a sometimes painful process for the good of the community.

I personally thank my fellow Board Members for the courage and foresight to pursue this path to its full conclusion. Many of us have significantly modified our vision for the future of our hometown, because initial reports have suggested an undeniably significant savings for taxpayers.

I also thank Town Board Members for their full participation in this process: their commitment will be key to ensuring the cost savings that have been proposed.

Lastly, I thank community members for supporting the process through strong participation. Stay informed - and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Check this web site often for updates and information. It was established to keep our residents involved.

We'll get through this process together, and be a stronger, smarter, and hopefully more economically sound community as a result.

Thank you.

Mayor Diana Smith