



Village of Seneca Falls Dissolution Study Committee Newsletter

To Keep Village and Town Residents Informed

August, 2009

Message from the Chairman

“The dissolution process”

It has become evident during recent meetings that citizens' expectations exceed actual committee progress. In other words, we aren't able to provide all requested details or answer each question when asked. Why?

The reason is that we have chosen to use an open, forthright process. You are invited to participate in our regular monthly meetings and to share your thoughts on our website, message line and mail. You are witness to the plan as it unfolds rather than only when it is in its final form. You see the plan as it is evolving, when it is not yet finished, and, therefore, when all questions cannot yet be answered. But, you can hear most of the plan details at the Sept 16 Public Meeting. Our village and town are really one community. Working together, we will keep this process honest and effective and produce a better plan. We look forward to seeing you at the remaining meetings.

Community Survey Results

The results of the community survey are in. There were 641 respondents between the Village and Town Outside of Village (TOV) residents yielding reliable results for both subsets of the Seneca Falls population. Some results based on those who responded are as follows:

- 87% own their own home;
- 87% are aware of the dissolution study
- Of those currently in the Village, 44% have lived there for 35 years or more;
- Of those currently in the TOV, 37% have lived there for 35 years or more;
- On a scale of 1-10, 71% of those in the village scored their satisfaction with the Village services as 6-10 (10 being very satisfied) while 82% of the residents in the TOV gave a similar score for Town services
- 69% of the village residents feel their taxes are somewhat or very unreasonable
- 80% of Village residents think that Police services are adequate. However, 65% of those think that taxes in the Village are somewhat or very unreasonable.
- 48% of Village Residents would vote in

Survey Results continued...

- Favor of dissolution compared with 19% opposed and 28% with no opinion.

More information is being compiled and will be made available in the coming weeks on the website at www.cgr.org/senecafalls.

Committee Members

Ann Agnello
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Al Martignetti, Vice Chair
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Bill McGrimley
Suzanne Sinclair
Frank Sinicropi
And **Non Voting** Members:
Peter Same, SF Town Supervisor
Diana Smith, SF Mayor
Connie Sowards, SF Administrator

Next Meetings

Note Location Change

Aug. 24, 6 PM at St. John Bosco
Sept 16, 7 PM at St. John Bosco
Oct 22, 6 PM SF Community Ctr
Nov 12, 7 PM at St. John Bosco
Dec 7, To Be Advised

Voice Your Opinion

Post your comments at www.cgr.org/senecafalls or leave your questions at (315) 568-1180 or mail your concerns to Dissolution Study, Village of Seneca Falls, 60 State Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148