Village of Mastic Beach Dissolution Public Meeting

ATTACHMENT #6

Introductions

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Meeting Decorum

- Please sign up to speak
- Speakers will be selected in order from the sign-in sheet
- Comments will be received at the end of the presentation
- Each person who signed in will have 3 minutes to speak

Overview of Presentation

- How Did We Get Here?
- The Dissolution Process
- What is an Interim Dissolution Report?
- What is a Dissolution Plan
- Next Steps
- Questions & Answers on Process / Public Comment

How Did We Get Here?
Steps toward Dissolution in Mastic Beach to Date:

Voter-Initiated Reorganization

- August 30, 2016 the electorate of the Village of Mastic Beach submitted a petition for Dissolution.
  Petition contained 916 valid signatures of 1,474.
- September 8, 2016 Clerk reviewed and certified petition.
- September 15, 2016 the Village Board passed a resolution calling for a Referendum on the proposed Dissolution on November 16, 2016.
- No further action is required of the Village Board until after the referendum
- The Village has chosen to provide information prior to the referendum.

How Did We Get Here?
Dissolution v. Consolidation

	Dissolution	Consolidation
Definition	The termination of a local government entity.	The elimination of the original governments and the forming of a new local government entity or the merger of one surviving government entity with the other absorbed into it.
Services	May end or be assumed by another local government entity that may provide the service at the same or different level.	May eliminate both entity's services and form new government services or retain one government entity's services and absorb additional services from the other entity.
Documents	Dissolution Plan - Contains the terms and information regarding the dissolution of a local government entity.	Consolidation Plan - Both the Town and Village get to vote on the plan.

How Did We Get Here?
New York State Precedent and Enabling Legislation

- Prior to 2010, 39 New York Villages had been dissolved.
- Effective March 21, 2010 New York State General Municipal Law 17-A "Consolidation and Dissolution of Local Government".
- NYS GML 17-A provides clear guidance for citizens and local governments regarding Consolidation and Dissolution of government bodies, duties and roles.
- Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit.

How Did We Get Here?
Villages Dissolved 1900-2016

Roxbury - 1900
Prattsville - 1900
Rifton - 1919
LaFargeville - 1922
Brookfield - 1923
Oramel - 1925
Newfield - 1926
Pleasant Valley - 1926
Marlborough - 1928
Northville - 1930
Old Forge - 1933
Forestport - 1938
North Bangor - 1939
The Landing - 1939
Downsville - 1950
Amchir - 1968
Prattsburg - 1972
Pelham - 1975
N. Pelham - 1975

Fort Covington- 1976
Friendship - 1977
Belleville - 1979
Rosendale - 1979
Savannah - 1979
Elizabethtown - 1981
Bloomingdale - 1985
Pine Hill - 1985
Woodhull - 1986
East Bloomfield - 1990
Holcomb - 1990
Pine Valley - 1990
Ticonderoga - 1992
Westport - 1992
Henderson - 1992
Schenevus - 1993
Fillmore - 1994
Mooers - 1994
Andes - 2003

Pike - Wyoming - 2009
Limestone - 2010
East Randolph - 2011
Randolph - 2011
Perrysburg - 2011
Seneca Falls - 2011
Edwards - 2012
Altmar - 2013
Keeseville - 2014
Bridgewater - 2014
Lyons - 2015
Salem - 2016
Hermon – 2016
Forestville - 2016

* Scheduled Dissolution*
Port Henry – 2017*
Herrings - 2017*
Macedon – 2017*

How Did We Get Here?
Initiation of Process

- "The… Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act … provides a process for citizens to petition for a public vote on dissolving or consolidating local governments The dissolution or consolidation process may also be initiated by a local governing board."
- The first step shall be a petition, said petition must be signed by at least 10% of the number of electors.
- In Mastic Beach Dissolution has been an elector-initiated process.

Overview of the Proposed Dissolution Process: Prior to Referendum

- Public informational meetings: October 18th & November 9th (6-8 pm) at William Floyd High School.
- Village and Town officials and staff will be interviewed.
- Consultants will develop the Interim Report and other memoranda.
- Links to reports will be available at www.labergegroup.com/masticbeach
- This website can be accessed from the Village's website.

Overview of the Proposed Dissolution Study Process: Referendum

The referendum vote shall be:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Mastic Beach Fire Department (12pm - 9pm)

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Incorporated Village of Mastic Beach be dissolved?"

Overview of the Proposed Dissolution Process After the Referendum

If the vote is "No"

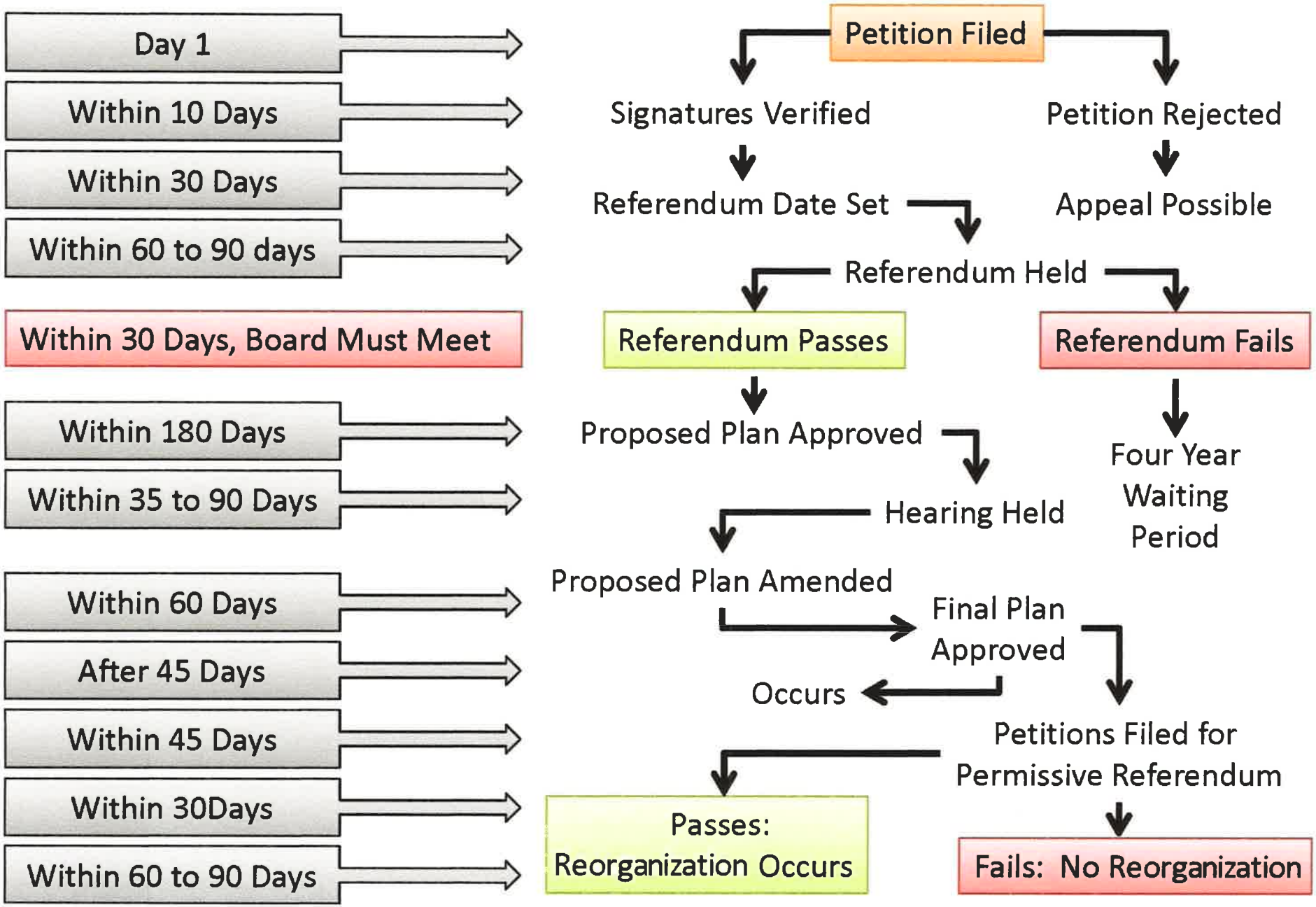
- Dissolution will not take effect; nothing further will occur.
- Dissolution process may not be initiated again for 4 years from the date of the Referendum.
- Village may focus on shared services with other entities to reduce costs and improve quality.

Overview of the Proposed Dissolution Process After the Referendum

If the vote is "Yes", the Village Board shall:

- Meet within 30 days to create a committee & set schedule.
- Shall approve a Dissolution Plan in 180 days or less.
- Shall have one or more public hearings following the approval of the Dissolution Plan (35-90 days after)
- Shall have up to 60 days to finalize & adopt the Dissolution Plan based on hearing(s).
- The Final Dissolution Plan is subject to Permissive Referendum (25% of the electorate).

Voter-Initiated



State Financial and Technical Assistance for Dissolution Studies and Plans

- New York Department of State provides financial and technical assistance to local governments.
- The Local Government Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant (CREG) assists local governments with planning and implementation activities related to dissolution of government.
- The Village shall apply for an Expedited Re-Organization Assistance grant which reimburses 90% of expenses up to $50,000.
- This will cover costs associated with the Interim Report and if necessary, the Final Dissolution Plan.

What is an Interim Report?

- The Interim Dissolution Report is intended to better educate and inform the public of the dissolution process and potential outcomes.
- The report will summarize services and identify pros/cons associated with dissolution.
- Will provide a potential fiscal impact to both Village & Town residents.
- Information will be shared through public meetings, pamphlets, and the Interim Dissolution Study.

What is a Dissolution Plan?
The Interim Dissolution Report

The Interim Dissolution Report includes:

- Summary of Existing Government Services and Functions
- Review of Municipal Services
- Potential Post-dissolution Conditions
- Listing of Local Laws & Land Use Regulations
- Potential Fiscal Impact: Tax Impact of Dissolution
  - Option 1: Projected Tax Impact of Dissolution, with & without Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC) Savings
  - Option 2: Projected Tax Impact of Dissolution, with & without CETC Savings

What is a Dissolution Plan?
Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit

- An incentive provided by New York State when two local governments consolidate.
- Based on a formula of 15% of the combined property tax levy at the time of local governmental consolidation.
- **70% must** be used towards the reduction of the tax levy.
- **30% may** be used for further tax reduction or capital improvement projects.

Preliminary Test: Does it make "sense" or "cents"

- **Economy:** Will the proposed dissolution reduce the current Village's costs now or in the future?
- **Efficiency:** Will the proposed dissolution improve the current delivery of Village services?
- **Effectiveness:** Will the proposed dissolution allow the Town to deliver needed services that are qualitatively improved or that the Village would find difficult to provide individually?

Goal of Interim Process: Balancing Community Values vs. Cost Savings

- Cost ↑
- Services ↑

- Cost ↓
- Services ↑

- Cost ↔
- Services ↑

- Cost ↓
- Services ↔

Overview
The Dissolution Plan

In the event that the vote passes and Dissolution is to occur, the Dissolution Plan will give residents an idea of how the dissolution might affect them:

- Provide an estimate of the cost/benefit of dissolution
- Outline future conditions for delivery of services
- Outline any potential plan for the transfer or elimination of public employee positions
- Discuss how options affect the quality or level of service provided
- Terms for disposing of Village's assets & liabilities & indebtedness.

Next Steps

- Collect data from the Village and Town
  - Budgets and financial reports, inventories of assets, debts, personnel, and equipment
- Research options for continuing critical services
- Assess feasibility and general impact of each option
  - Is it legally, operationally and politically doable?
  - How is it likely to affect costs and level of service?
- Hold an additional public information meeting on November 9th prior to the Referendum

For More Information…

Dissolution Information:

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