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RECREATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

WHY ARE WE HERE?

- NOVEMBER 2015: COMMUNITIES VOTED “YES” TO CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (EJSD, ETSD, U46 AND WESTFORD) BY JULY 1, 2017 – LEAVING EJRP WITHOUT A GOVERNING BODY.
- FEB. 2016: SELECTBOARD AND TRUSTEES FORMED A JOINT MUNICIPAL SURVEY COMMITTEE
 - MOTION BY TRUSTEES & SB: THE BOARDS AGREED TO FORM A COMMITTEE NAMED “RECREATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE” WHICH IS A JOINT MUNICIPAL SURVEY COMMITTEE TO STUDY RECREATION AND TO EXPLORE ALL VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR POTENTIAL RESTRUCTURE OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENTS
- MARCH 2016: A MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE WAS FORMED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SB, TRUSTEES, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE AND RESIDENTS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE COMMUNITY.

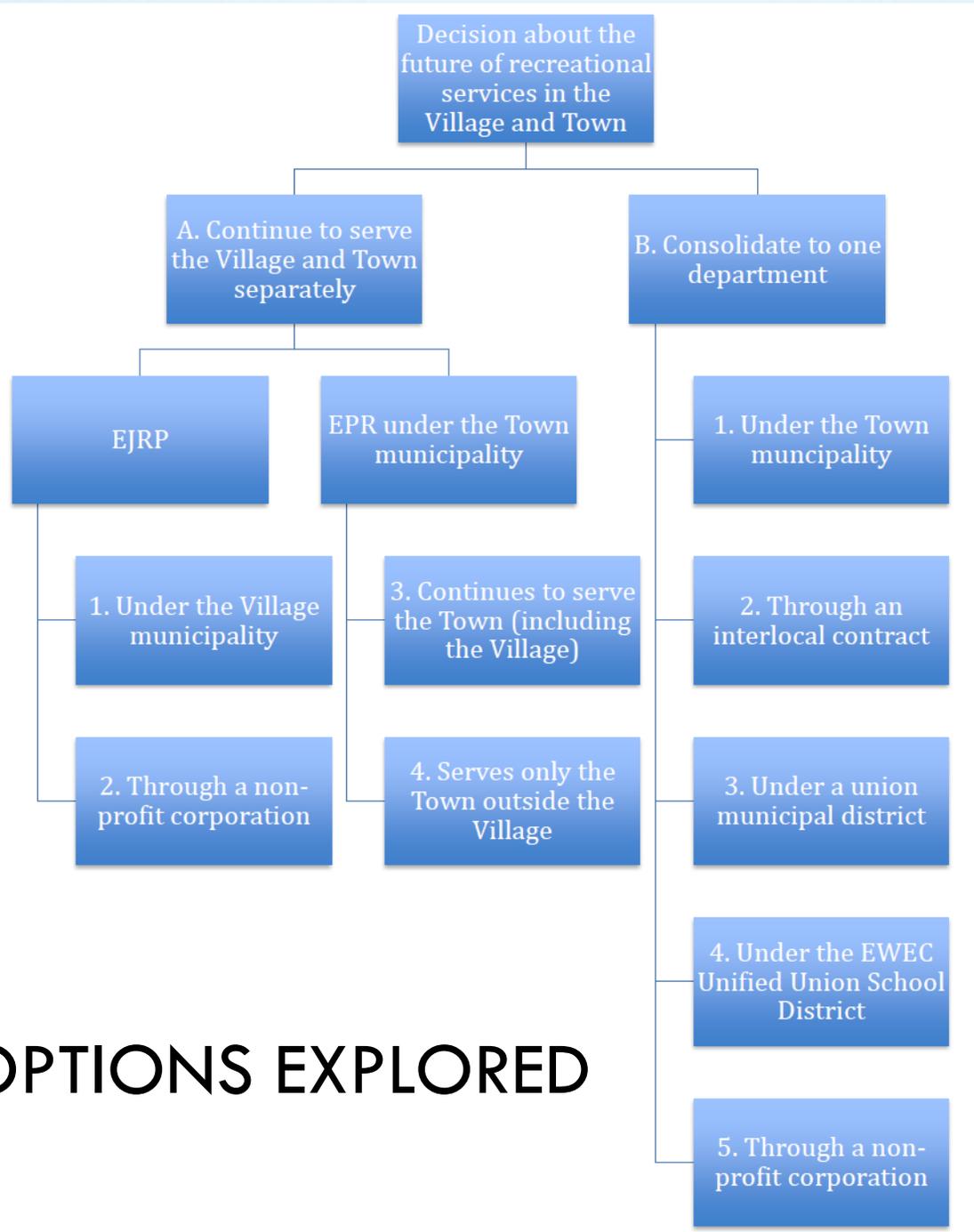
RGSC: WHO ARE WE?

BOARD REPRESENTATION

- MAX LEVY – SELECTBOARD
- LORI HOUGHTON – VILLAGE TRUSTEES
- MICHAEL SMITH – PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
- JASON DIROSA – PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

- ERIKA BALDASARO – VILLAGE
- BETZI BILODEAU – TOWN (O.V.)
- RAJ CHAWLA – VILLAGE
- THERESA FLETCHER – TOWN (O.V.)
- KIM MAIBERGER – VILLAGE
- CHRISTINE PACKARD – TOWN (O.V.)



GOVERNANCE OPTIONS EXPLORED

LET'S GET GOING!

MEETING AGREEMENTS

- ONE SPEAKER AT A TIME
- BE ON TIME
- START ON TIME
- SHARE THE FLOOR
- BE PREPARED
- BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS' OPINIONS
- END ON TIME
- HAVE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE GOALS

- ENSURE THAT THE CURRENT QUALITY OF RECREATION SERVICES ARE MAINTAINED OR ENHANCED.
- EXPLORE ALL AVENUES AND ENTITIES BEFORE MAKING A RECOMMENDATION.
- ACTIVELY ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS AND KEEP THEM INFORMED BY MAKING INFORMATION EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- KEEP THE COMMUNITY'S AFFORDABILITY IN MIND AND ENSURE THAT THE FUNDING STRUCTURE IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC.
- REACH A CONSENSUS ON A FINAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE MIDDLE OF JUNE.

RGSC: SUMMARY OF WORK

- THE RGSC HELD 7 MEETINGS BETWEEN APRIL 5 – JUNE 22
- AN INFORMATIONAL [VIDEO](#) WAS CREATED ABOUT THE COMMITTEE AND WAS MARKETED TO THE COMMUNITY VIA DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGES, WEBSITES AND FRONT PORCH FORUM
- THE RGSC ADMINISTERED A COMMUNITY [SURVEY](#) WITH 386 RESPONSES
- THE RGSC EVALUATED 7 GOVERNANCE OPTIONS.
 - THOSE OPTIONS INCLUDED VARIATIONS IF THE DEPARTMENTS STAYED SEPARATE, ALONG WITH 5 OPTIONS IF THEY WERE TO COMBINE.

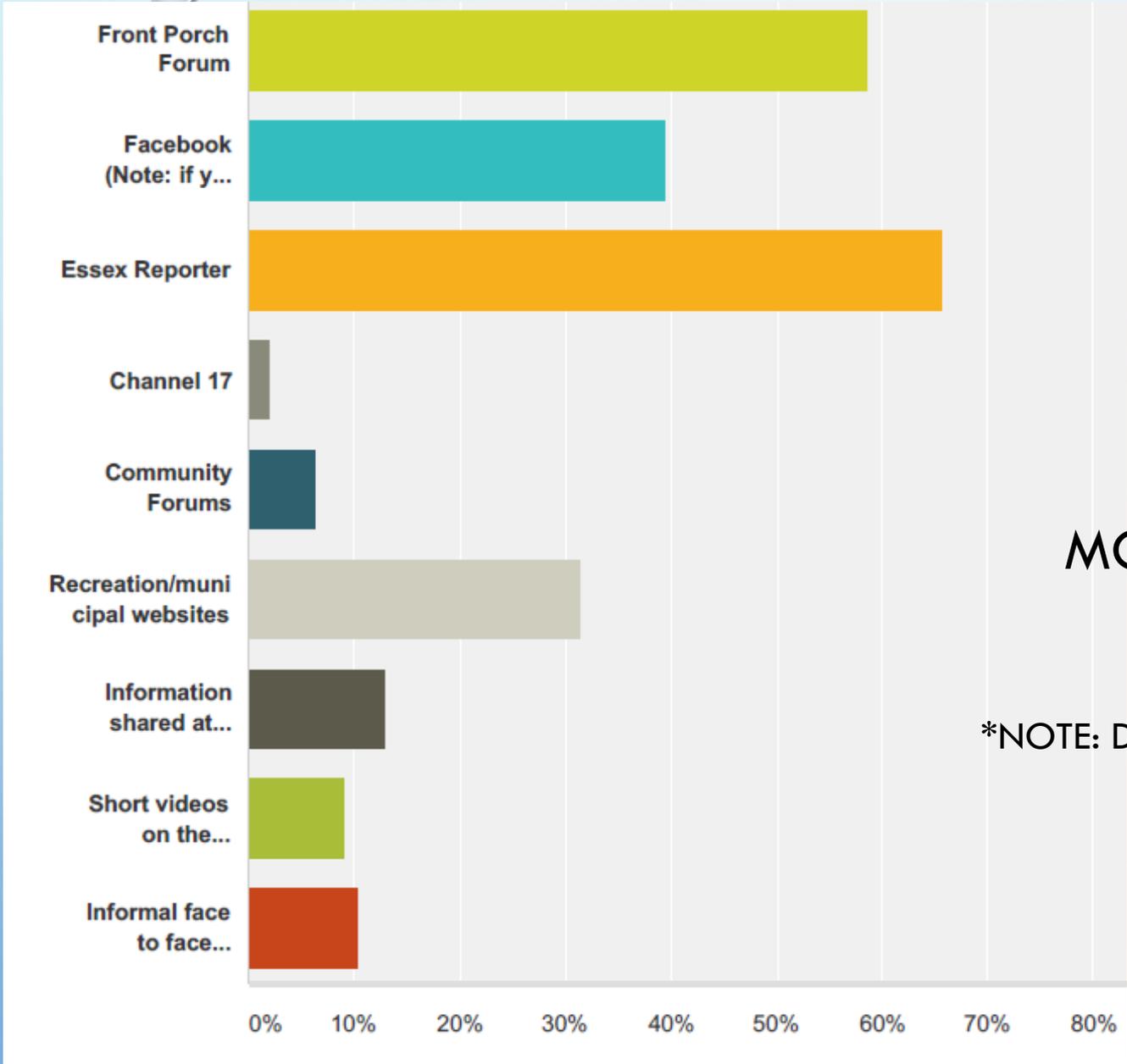
SURVEY RESULTS

RECREATION THEMES THAT MATTER MOST TO YOU?

% of Respondents	Comments Descriptor
38%	Diverse year-round recreational opportunities for all age groups, including community events
25%	A variety of recreation facilities including pools, parks, fields, and shared community spaces
22%	Affordable and accessible opportunities for physical activity
20%	Maintenance of open spaces and parks

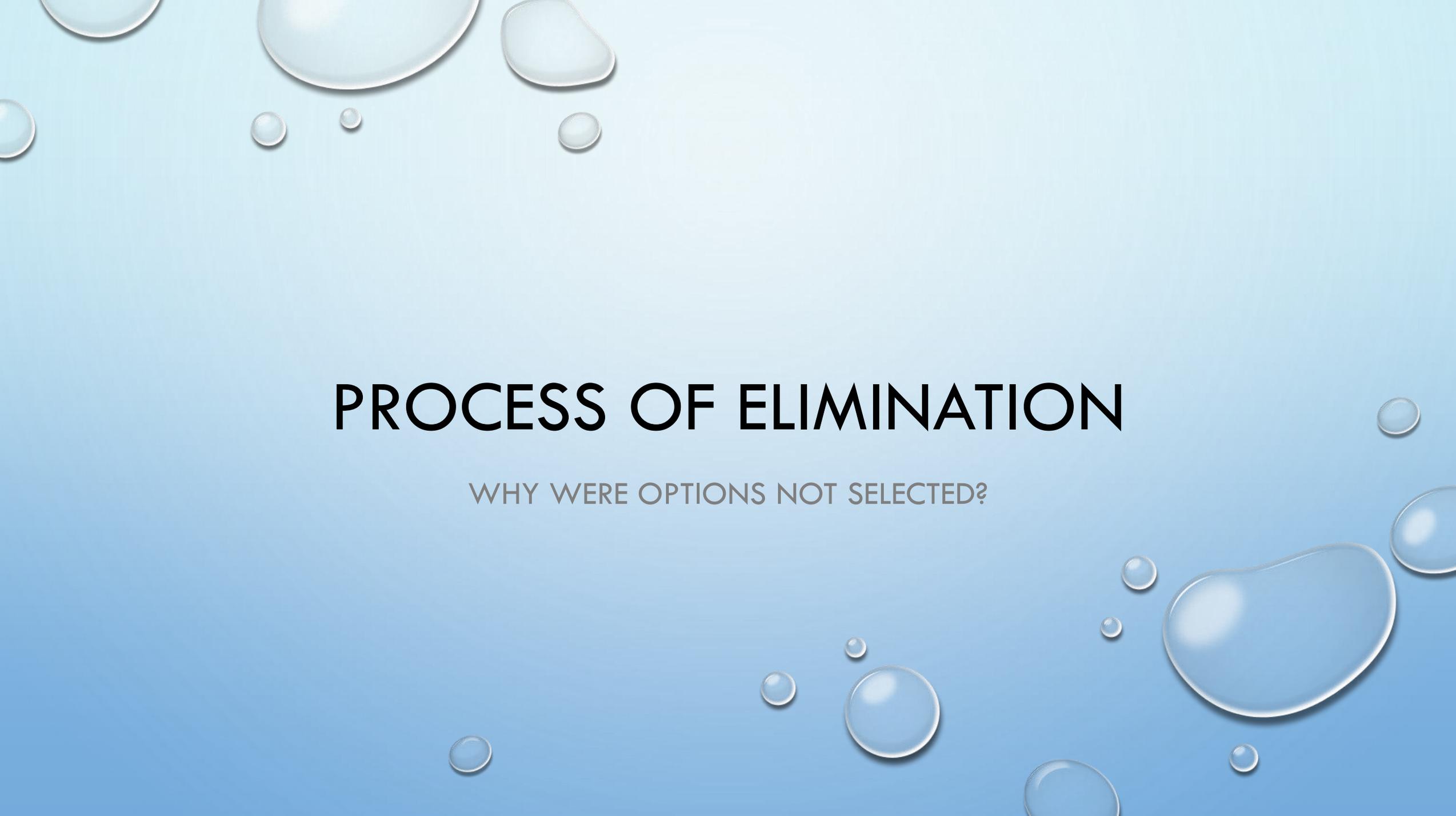
WHAT DO YOU WANT THE COMMITTEE TO KEEP IN MIND?

% of Respondents	Comments Descriptor
29%	Program affordability - Comments express appreciation for affordability, request that affordability be maintained and/or increased.
26%	Program accessibility - Comments about program convenience - location, timing, efficiency, and collaboration with school system - as well as need to accommodate all who wish to participate.
25%	Change - Comments expressed appreciation for current programming. Fears included changes in cost, location, accessibility, quality, variety, convenience, etc.
24%	Program quality - Comments about high quality of programming, some fears about potential reduction in quality.
23%	Program diversity - Comments emphasize need for programming for all age groups (especially seniors), request increased programming for adults, and more variety.



SURVEY RESULTS MOST HELPFUL WAYS OF COMMUNICATION?

*NOTE: DIRECT EMAILS WERE ALSO MENTIONED

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PROCESS OF ELIMINATION

WHY WERE OPTIONS NOT SELECTED?

OPTION 1: NON-PROFIT

- CONCERNS OF:
 - ABILITY TO BORROW FUNDS (KNOWING LIKELY POTENTIAL FUTURE NEEDS)
 - ACCOUNTABILITY OF NON-PROFIT TO TAXPAYERS
 - OVERSIGHT OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF TAX DOLLARS SUPPORTING A NON-PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

OPTION 2: INTERLOCAL CONTRACT

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EXISTING MUNICIPALITIES TO PERFORM A GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE, ACTIVITY OR UNDERTAKING. (I.E. ST. ALBANS POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT)

- CONCERNS OF:
 - FUNDING FOR PARKS & RECREATION BEING COMPROMISED BY OTHER MUNICIPAL NEEDS
 - LACK OF COMMUNITY VOTE TO PURSUE OPTION
 - NOT A PERMANENT SOLUTION (FUTURE INSTABILITY)
 - CONFUSION OF JOINT OVERSIGHT BY TWO BOARDS

OPTION 3: VILLAGE MUNICIPALITY

- CONCERNS OF:
 - NOT A PERMANENT SOLUTION
 - CONTINUATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES LIKELY, RESULTING IN FUTURE SECOND TRANSITION)
 - FUNDING FOR PARKS & RECREATION BEING COMPROMISED BY OTHER MUNICIPAL NEEDS
 - PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET NOT BEING A SEPARATE ARTICLE

OPTION 4: TOWN MUNICIPALITY

- CONCERNS OF:
 - FUNDING FOR PARKS & RECREATION BEING COMPROMISED BY OTHER MUNICIPAL NEEDS
 - PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET NOT BEING A SEPARATE ARTICLE

OPTION 5: EWEC UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

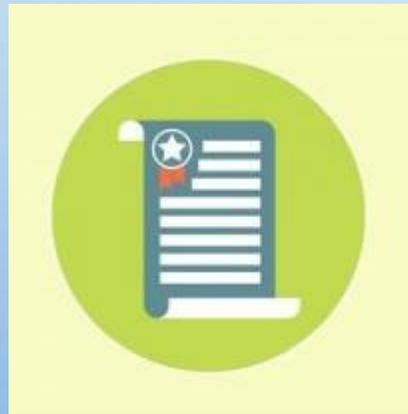
- CONCERNS OF:
 - UU BOARD NOT SHOWING CLEAR INITIAL INTEREST IN TAKING PARKS & RECREATION ON AS A SCHOOL FUNCTION
 - COMPLEXITIES AND TIMELINE OF MAKING THIS WORK
 - IMPLICATIONS/INVOLVEMENT OF WESTFORD
 - WHETHER OR NOT SCHOOLS WOULD WANT/SHOULD SERVE THE EXPANSIVE ROLE OF RECREATION (PARKS, POOLS, SENIORS, ETC.)

RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOLS

- THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUNICIPAL RECREATION AND THE SCHOOLS
 - SPACE USE
 - CHILDCARE
 - PRESCHOOL
 - COMMUNICATIONS WITH FAMILIES
- MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE UU BOARD
- UU AND PC PASSED RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND RELATIONSHIP WITH MUNICIPAL RECREATION
- THERE IS A PLAN IN THE FUTURE FOR THE UU TO DEVELOP POLICIES/PROTOCOLS ABOUT SPACE USAGE
- ANOTHER PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS TO ESTABLISH CONTRACTS/MOU'S/LEASES TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS & SERVICES.

INITIAL FIRST STEPS

- RESOLUTION FROM PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
 - PRESCHOOL @ PARK STREET SCHOOL



- RESOLUTION FROM EWECUUSD BOARD
 - RELATIONSHIP WITH MUNICIPAL RECREATION ENTITIES



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THE RIGHT CHOICE

WHY THIS OPTION?

UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

A NEW MUNICIPAL ENTITY CREATED TO PERFORM A GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE, ACTIVITY, OR UNDERTAKING. (I.E. WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT)

- REASONS FOR SELECTION

- UNITES COMMUNITY RECREATION UNDER ONE UMBRELLA
- ONE BUDGET, VOTED DIRECTLY BY COMMUNITY
- ISOLATED BUDGET (PROTECTING ANY SCHOOL/MUNICIPAL THREATS)
- BOTH COMMUNITIES/DEPARTMENTS ON EQUAL GROUND (STARTING ANEW INSTEAD OF JOINING AN EXISTING STRUCTURE)
- COMMUNITY WILL GET TO WEIGH IN VIA DIRECT VOTE (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)
- ELIMINATE REDUNDANCIES (PROGRAMS, BROCHURES, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.)
- POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS (BROCHURES, POSTAGE, OTHER)
- LONG-TERM STABILITY OF OPTION
- ONE-STOP SHOPPING (REDUCE CONFUSION AND FRUSTRATIONS FOR RESIDENTS)
- EQUITY IN COMMUNITY (PROGRAM PROVISION, OPTIONS, TAXATION)
- ABILITY TO “HOUSE” OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (NOW & IN THE FUTURE: FARMER’S MARKET, SENIOR CENTER, ETC.)
- ANOTHER STEP IN LINE WITH RECENT CONSOLIDATION AND UNIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

RGSC APPROVAL

- ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016, THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 9-0, FOR THE FOLLOWING MOTION:
 - I MOVE APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION AND TOWN OF ESSEX TO PROMOTE PLANS FOR MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, AND CONDUCTING A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION.

STATUTES RELATED TO JOINT MUNICIPAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

- STEPS TO MOVE FORWARD
 - COMMITTEE APPROVES CREATION OF UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
 - JUNE 8TH MEETING
 - COMMITTEE PREPARES AGREEMENT FOR THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT
 - VOTERS VOTE ON WHETHER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT



LETTERS OF SUPPORT



RGSC – ROLES & TIMELINE

• JUNE 8 – AUGUST 9

- RECOMMEND GOVERNANCE MODEL; APPROVE CREATION OF UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
- DEVELOP DISTRICT AGREEMENT THROUGH WORK SESSIONS
- CREATE FAQ'S BASED ON PROCESS TO GET TO DISTRICT AGREEMENT
- FILE DISTRICT AGREEMENT, PRESENT (INFORMATIONAL) TO TRUSTEES, SELECTBOARD, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, & UNIFIED UNION BOARD, AND SUBMIT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

• AUGUST 10 – DECEMBER 13

- PUBLISH INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY TO MAKE INFORMED DECISION IN NOVEMBER
- SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT REC DISTRICT COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY
- CREATE PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES AND CALENDAR
 - FAQ'S
 - VIDEO
 - PUBLIC FORUMS
 - ARTICLES/INFORMATIONAL PIECES IN FPF/EREPORTER/OTHER
 - SIGNS/POSTERS/POSTCARDS/FLYERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE
 - INFORMATION IN FALL REC BROCHURES
 - PRESENCE AT COMMUNITY PLACES AND EVENTS
 - OTHER?
- IMPLEMENT PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES

RECREATION GOVERNANCE TRANSITION TEAM

MEETINGS AND SUB GROUPS

THE TRANSITION TEAM WILL CONVENE FOR A ONE HOUR MEETING TO LEARN ABOUT NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL AND TIMELINE, TO BRAINSTORM ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED, AND HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT THE PROCESS. THEN, THE CO-CHAIRS WILL WORK WITH DIFFERENT SUB GROUPS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO ADDRESS THE RELEVANT ISSUES.

TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS

- ALLY VILE, DIRECTOR, EPR – CO-CHAIR
- BRAD LUCK, DIRECTOR, EJRP – CO-CHAIR
- ADRIANE MARTIN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, EPR
- ADAM SOLLACE, DIRECTOR OF LICENSED CHILDCARE, EJRP
- JUDY DENOVA, SUPERINTENDENT, CCSU
- PAT SCHEIDEL, MANAGER, TOWN & VILLAGE
- DOUG FISHER, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, TOWN
- LAUREN MORRISSEAU, FINANCE DIRECTOR, TOWN
- DEB ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, CCSU
- PAUL O'BRIAN, LEGAL SUPPORT/DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, CCSU
- KATHY BARRON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, CCSU
- VINCE GONILLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CCSU
- RICK GAREY, IT DIRECTOR, TOWN
- DENNIS LUTZ, TOWN ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TRANSITION TEAM AREAS TO ADDRESS

JUNE 22 – DECEMBER 13, 2016

- FORMATION OF TRANSITION TEAM
- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
- JOB DESCRIPTIONS
- FY18 DRAFT BUDGET – TAX
- IMPLICATIONS/STRUCTURES
- IT
- LEGAL
- INSURANCE
- HR
- PAYROLL
- FINANCE
- MAINTENANCE – PLOWING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HVAC
- OFFICE SPACE
- SCHOOLS – FACILITY USE, CHILDCARE, SHARED STAFFING, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
- PROPERTIES – CONVEYANCES/TRANSFERS/ DEFINITIONS/MAINTENANCE
- ASSETS/IMPROVEMENTS/FINANCIALS - TRANSFERS
- PARK STREET SCHOOL LEASE
- REC DISTRICT COUNCIL – PETITIONS & BALLOT
- TAX COLLECTION
- BUDGET VOTE PROCESS
- EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE & CONTRACTS
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (PLANS, PROVIDERS, BUDGET)
- FUTURE (OF) COMMITTEES – REC ADVISORY, CONSERVATION, TRAILS, BIKE/WALK, OTHER?
- EJRP DEBT RELIEF

ITEMS TO BE DETERMINED...

- PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
 - PRESCHOOL RESOLUTION
 - AGREEMENT WITH TRUSTEES
 - WHAT TO DO IF VOTE FAILS
 - BOND DEBT
 - ASSETS TRANSFER
- VILLAGE TRUSTEES
 - SPECIAL MEETING
 - PARK PROPERTY
- SELECTBOARD
 - SPECIAL MEETING
 - PARK PROPERTY

NEXT STEPS – A “DRAFT” TIMELINE FORMING A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

- June 8: RGSC approves creation of a union municipal district
- June 22: Joint meeting with RGSC/PC/Trustees/SB. Presentation of process and outcome of RGSC’s work.
- July 2016: RGSC prepares Agreement for the formation of the district through 1-3 work sessions
Major areas to address: purpose, composition, election, terms, budget vote, etc.
- July 25: District Agreement is filed with the Trustees, Selectboard, Village Planning Commission, Town Planning Commission, Village Clerk, Town Clerk, Prudential Committee, UU Board
- August 2016: District Agreement is presented to Selectboard (8/1), UU Board (8/1), Trustees (8/9) and Prudential Committee (TBD) for information purposes
- August 10: District Agreement is approved by RGSC. RGSC dissolves
- August 11: District Agreement is submitted to VT Attorney General
- October 8: Petitions available for candidates for Rec District Council

NEXT STEPS – A “DRAFT” TIMELINE (CONT...)

FORMING A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

- November 7: Petitions due for candidates for Rec District Council
- November: Selectboard (11/7) & Trustees (11/8) warn special meeting for December 13 for the voters to vote on District Agreement and elect Rec District Council
- November 23: Absentee ballots available
- December 13: District Agreement is submitted to voters for approval by Australian ballot at special meeting
Voters elect members of Rec District Council
- January 13, '17: District Agreement is submitted to VT Legislature for approval
- January 2017: Newly elected Rec District Council takes seats, begins holding meetings
- April 11, 2017: Rec District budget vote
- By May 2017: District Agreement is approved by VT Legislature and signed by Governor
- July 1, 2017: Union Municipal District commences

NEXT STEPS – A “DRAFT” TIMELINE (CONT...)

FORMING A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

- To be determined:
- Trustees & Selectboard land conveyance decision and timeline
- PC to convey assets/buildings/improvements
- SB & PC resolution to transfer assets, capital account monies, equipment, etc.
- Addressing the bond debt for EJRP



frequently
asked
QUESTIONS

TOP 5 FAQ'S

WHY IS IT BETTER TO FORM A NEW REC DISTRICT THAN TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR PATH TO OTHER VILLAGE/TOWN SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS? ARE THERE PLANS TO FORM OTHER UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS FOR OTHER VILLAGE/TOWN CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS?

FORMING A NEW REC DISTRICT ALLOWS FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET TO BE ISOLATED FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOLS. RECREATION RESOURCES WILL BE PRESERVED FOR ENHANCING RECREATION AND CANNOT BE ACCESSED FOR OTHER NEEDS. VOTERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE DIRECTLY ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, AND IT WILL NOT BE ONE PART OF A LARGER BUDGET. THIS OPTION IS A WAY FOR BOTH DEPARTMENTS TO COME TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF, WHICH IS A NEW ROOF – NOT ONE THAT IS LONG ESTABLISHED BY EITHER. IN GENERAL IN ESSEX (VILLAGE AND TOWN), PEOPLE ARE PASSIONATE AND PROUD OF THEIR RECREATION DEPARTMENTS. THIS METHOD OF CONSOLIDATION WILL NOT FORCE ESSEX PARKS AND RECREATION TO BECOME EJRP OR VICE VERSA. INSTEAD, IT PAVES A NEW PATH FORWARD FOR BOTH DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE A NEW SHARED ENTITY. THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY DISCUSSIONS OF FORMING A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FOR ANY OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT THIS TIME.

WHAT WILL BE THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF FORMING A NEW REC DISTRICT?

IN THE FIRST YEAR, THERE WILL BE A TAX INCREASE FOR TOWN OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE TAX PAYERS AND A TAX DECREASE FOR VILLAGE TAX PAYERS. THIS IS BECAUSE CURRENTLY THE VILLAGE REC DEPARTMENT IS PAID FOR BY VILLAGE TAX PAYERS AND THE TOWN REC DEPARTMENT IS PAID FOR BY BOTH VILLAGE AND TOWN OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE TAX PAYERS. COMBINING THE TWO DEPARTMENTS INTO ONE DEPARTMENT THAT SERVES EVERYONE WILL RESULT IN A COMBINED BUDGET THAT IS PAID FOR BY EVERYONE. IN FUTURE YEARS, ALL RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TAX EQUITY IN TERMS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES.

WILL FORMING A NEW REC DISTRICT REDUCE EXPENSES AT ALL?

AN EXACT BUDGET FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE DEVELOPED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW REC DISTRICT IS FORMED. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE NEW REC DISTRICT WILL OPERATE NEXT YEAR WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF TAX MONEY OR LESS AS WOULD HAVE BEEN NEEDED WERE THE TWO DEPARTMENTS TO EXIST SEPARATELY. FORMING A NEW REC DISTRICT WILL RESULT IN MANY BENEFITS, BUT WILL NOT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE OFFERED OR THE NUMBER OF PARKS AND FACILITIES THAT NEED TO BE MAINTAINED, AND THUS THERE WILL NOT BE A REDUCTION IN STAFFING OR MAJOR COST SAVINGS. UNTIL SOME DECISIONS ARE MADE ABOUT IT, PAYROLL, FINANCE, HR, ETC., FINAL NUMBERS ARE TO BE DETERMINED. THERE WILL BE SOME OBVIOUS SMALLER SAVINGS DUE TO ONLY PRODUCING AND MAILING ONE BROCHURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, INSTEAD OF TWO. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WILL BE SAVINGS TO ONLY HAVE ONE MEMBERSHIP TO SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS/SERVICES (VERMONT PARKS & RECREATION ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION, ETC.).

ARE THERE EXAMPLES OF OTHER UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS? ARE ANY RELATED TO RECREATION?

THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES OF OTHER UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS IN VERMONT, SOME OF WHICH ARE RELATED TO RECREATION. A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT IS WHEN TWO OR MORE MUNICIPALITIES AGREE TO FORM A DISTRICT TO PLAN FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TO PROMOTE PLANS FOR MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHIN OR BY THE PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES. THE WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT, THE LAKE FAIRLEE DISTRICT, THE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT, AND THE LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT ARE ALL RECREATION RELATED UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS. OTHER (NON-RECREATION RELATED) UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS IN THE AREA INCLUDE THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CCTA), THE CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT (CSWD), AND THE CHAMPLAIN WATER DISTRICT. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE CONCEPT OF FORMING A RECREATION DISTRICT AS A WAY TO DELIVER RECREATION RELATED SERVICES IS MORE COMMON, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDWEST AND WEST. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES: ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS ([HTTP://WWW.ILPARKS.ORG](http://www.ilparks.org)), CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS ([HTTP://WWW.CARPD.NET/INDEX.HTML](http://www.carpd.net/index.html)), WASHINGTON PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICTS ([HTTP://MRSC.ORG/HOME/EXPLORE-TOPICS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION/PARK-AND-RECREATION-SPECIAL-DISTRICTS/PARK-AND-RECREATION-SPECIAL-DISTRICTS.ASPX](http://mrsc.org/home/explore-topics/parks-and-recreation/park-and-recreation-special-districts/park-and-recreation-special-districts.aspx)), AND PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICTS IN VARIOUS STATES ([HTTPS://WWW.ALLTHINGSPOLITICAL.ORG/SPECIAL DISTRICTS/DISTRICTS PARKS AND RECREATION.HTM](https://www.allthingspolitical.org/special-districts/districts-parks-and-recreation.htm)).

IF THE VILLAGE IS A SUBSET OF THE TOWN, WHICH ENTITIES ARE ACTUALLY FORMING THE NEW REC DISTRICT?

THIS SITUATION IS UNIQUE. THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF A UNION MUNICIPAL DISTRICT STATE THAT ANY TWO MUNICIPALITIES MAY ENTER INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THEY EACH MUST VOTE AT AN ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING AND THE VOTE MUST HAPPEN IN EACH MUNICIPALITY ON THE SAME DAY BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT. IN THE CASE OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN, THEY ARE OVERLAPPING MUNICIPALITIES. SO, VILLAGE RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND TOWN RESIDENTS WILL TOO. BOTH MUNICIPALITIES MUST ACHIEVE A MAJORITY OF YES VOTES IN ORDER FOR THE AGREEMENT TO PASS. SINCE VILLAGE VOTERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TOWN, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION FOR THE VILLAGE AND ON THE QUESTION FOR THE TOWN SEPARATELY. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS MUNICIPAL MERGER VOTES.