

**From:** Avi Kamman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:22 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** It takes a village

## It Takes a Village

In the cradle of the mountains , where the ash trees stand tall,  
Lies a village with stories that bind one and all.  
But whispers grow louder, a notion takes flight,  
To dissolve the old village, erase it from sight.

They say it's for streamling or for dollars and cents,  
We need to advance. and tradition relents.  
They overlook what the ledger can't show,  
The roots and the bonds that let strong branches grow.

For what is a village but family and friend,  
Where neighbor helps neighbor, a hand they extend?  
Where voices are woven like threads into lace,  
Each one a part of this cherished place.

To break up a village is more than it seems,  
It's tearing apart all the hopes and the dreams,  
The laughter, the sorrows, the everyday ties,  
That give life its color, its lows and its highs.

For once you dismantle a home that is true,  
It's gone for all time, like the morning's fresh dew.  
A village is precious, a soul cannot lie,  
So think on it wisely before saying goodbye.

Sent from my iPhone

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:41 AM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution plan

Good morning

“The consultant’s report on dissolution stated that the Village is in good shape financially and that there is no issue with duplication of services which could be significantly improved by consolidation with Hunter.

Based on this , I am concerned about the long-term impact on the village and our governance, and am not in favor of the dissolution.

I enjoy our village and prefer our ability to maintain our independence

Thank you so much

Laurie Silberstein CM, M S

Midwives make happy birthdays!

## Tannersville Village Clerk

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**From:** Andrew S Penson [mailto:apenson@tannersvilleries.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:08 AM  
**To:** voffice@hvc.rr.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution plan

To the Tannersville Board of Trustees

For the record and in advance of your meeting next Monday, we would like to register our vehement opposition to the Dissolution Plan. We know that many of our neighbors feel the same way. We are happy with the current village governance structure and see no reason to make this proposed change. We feel that continuing along this path to enact the plan will only result in a monumental waste of time, money and village resources. Please abandon this ill conceived plan.

Regards,  
Andrew and Shannon Penson

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Shmaya Glick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:15 AM  
**To:** Tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Village dissolution plan

Dear Village Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dissolution of the village of Tannersville. After engaging with various residents and community members, it has become clear that this plan does not provide any clear tangible benefits to our village.

The longstanding close relationship between Tannersville residents, the village board, and village employees has been a cornerstone of our communities peaceful and harmonious being.

This proposal threatens that partnership, and I have yet to hear from anyone who can articulate how such a change would actually enhance our village's well-being or governance. I urge you to reconsider this plan and prioritize the needs and opinions of Tannersville residents.

Our community deserves to thrive based on its own merits, and I believe there are more effective ways to address any concerns than dissolving our village.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Shmaya Glick  
74 Park Lane

**Tannersville Village Clerk**

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**From:** Diane Sandoval [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:21 AM  
**To:** Village Clerk  
**Subject:** Comments for meeting on village dissolution

Dear Robin,

I would like the following comments on the proposed village dissolution being discussed at the upcoming meeting entered into the minutes.

As a homeowner in the village of Tannersville, I oppose the proposed village dissolution. It does not substantially benefit current homeowners financially and incurs hidden costs essential to village residents that are not reflected in the plan. One example is that moving and garaging the fire response and emergency medical emergency services will be borne by village residents. In addition, there will be unnecessary physical disruption.

Yours,

Diane Sandoval  
[REDACTED]

## Tannersville Village Clerk

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**From:** Jacob Schlanger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 12:58 PM  
**To:** Village Of Tannersville  
**Subject:** Village Dissolution

I am writing as a longtime seasonal resident (approximately 70 years) and a longtime homeowner (38 years) to register my opposition to the proposal to dissolve the Village of Tannersville.

The Village has a long history (nearly 130 years). Our town fathers invested much effort and love to create a much beloved and beautiful spot that they and visitors can enjoy.

Handing over the keys to someone else -even if it's a neighbor-who may not have the same interests is a shortsighted decision. The financial gains-themselves uncertain and subject to many variables- are minimal. Home rule and control of our own affairs are important factors that should not be discarded easily.

Please vote to kill the proposal.

Thank you.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jacob Schlanger  
[REDACTED]

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Wolf Katz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:18 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re village of tannersville dissolution

Hi

Hope all is well

Just writing my comment against the idea of resolving the village ,

The village of tannersville is a unique village in NY , and with all meanings it's beautiful the way it is and not to change it ,  
it has not been any issues what so ever and if it's not broken them don't fix it,

A fellow tannersville summer resident for 25 years

Thanks

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** B.Z. Halberstam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:34 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comments to Dissolution Plan

To whom it may concern,

I wish to state my opposition to the proposed dissolution plan.

Our family has been homeowners in Tannersville for over 50 years - with our fifth generation now regularly coming to the Mountaintop to enjoy the beautiful Village of Tannersville.

I also want to share that my professional career is focused as an attorney and as a Principal at a municipal focused investment advisory firm that regularly provides financing and underwrites municipal credit.

I see no reason to support the plan. The Village is under no financial stress and the unknown outcome of losing our Village's independence strongly lead me to conclude that the plan is not in the best interests of the taxpayers and residents of Tannersville.

Our family strongly urges the residents to reject the plan.

I personally stand prepared to assist in any way possible in any discussions or future planning that can ensure the continued financial health and success of the Village.

I look forward to enjoying many more years in the independent Village of Tannersville!

Very truly yours,

Baruch Z. Halberstam, Esq.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Sholem N Shpigelman [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:37 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Do Not Dissolve the Village of Tannersville!!

To whom this may concern:

Good afternoon,

After reviewing the consultant's report on dissolution it stated that the Village is in good shape financially and that there is no issue with duplication of services which could be significantly improved by consolidation with Hunter. Based on this, I am concerned about the long-term impact on the village and our governance, and am not in favor of the dissolution.

I enjoy our village and prefer our ability to maintain our independence.

I strongly oppose the dissolution of Tannersville Village!!

Sholem Shpigelman,  
homeowner of 2 houses in Tannersville Village, [redacted]

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** zalman cheir [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:19 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: nov 4 th meeting regarding dissolution

hi robin and thanks

please use this one  
as i had the grammar corrected

thanks in advance

dear trustees

i fully recommend that you vote against this proposal !!

The consultant's report on dissolution stated that the Village is in good shape financially and that there is no issue with duplication of services which could be significantly improved by consolidation with Hunter.

That being the case, there is no reason for us to dissolve the village .. any promises that our taxes will be less .. is hard to believe ..

once we will be gobbled up by Hunter we will NOT have A say in keeping our village quaint and peacefully beautiful..

we should keep our right to be able to decide what is good for us and what is not. there will be no going back ....

if this passes we will forever lose our beautiful " VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE"

ZALMAN CEIN  
[REDACTED]

On Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 04:46:38 PM EDT, tannersvillewater@gmail.com <tannersvillewater@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am in receipt of your comments.

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Jonathan Feldman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:21 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution of village

Dear Trustees,

I believe it would be a mistake to do the dissolution of the town of Tannersville. As a homeowner for 12 years and someone who has been coming to the mountain top for 30 years, i believe we should have our own say over the affairs of the town. I do not see any clear advantage to the dissolution.

Thank you,

Jonathan and Sharon Feldman, [REDACTED] Sent from my iPhone

## Tannersville Village Clerk

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**From:** TN 5927 MAIN ST [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:41 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com; voffice@hvc.rr.com  
**Subject:** Village of Tannersville dissolution

Hi,

We are Dats family- Lali,Zack and our kids .

We felt in love with Tannersville 4 years ago and right away bought a property on 5927 Main st (Grandma's house) and 8 Ranwick.

We are full time summer residents and and part time all 4 seasons.

We are very upset about plans of dissolving the village, and voicing our full opposition to it. As full tax paying resident family, our voice should be heard.

Tannersville is fully financial sustainable and there is no reason on the world it should loose it independence. It will be a great damage to a historical place like Tannersville to dissappear.

Please vote against the proposal.

Lali & Zack Dats  
[REDACTED]

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Mendel@LMR [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:43 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Say no to the Dissolution plan

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Dear Tannersville Trustees:

I wish to state my opposition to the proposed dissolution plan.

Our family has been coming to Tannersville for over 46 years. 14 years as homeowners and 32 years as renters, with our fifth generation now regularly coming to the Mountaintop to enjoy the beautiful Village of Tannersville.

My esteemed Father in Law Jack Rubin, Of Blessed Memory, was the president of Anshei Hashoran which has been serving as a Jewish congregation for over 112 years.

Our family has strong ties to Tannersville. We have so many scrapbooks and pictures and so many wonderful memories that have really etched "Tannersville" into our family consciousness.

Not to mention we have spent significant resources in renovating our property and have a large vested interest in maintaining our properties in Tannersville.

Our family strongly urges the Trustees to reject the plan of dissolution of the Village of Tannersville.

I look forward to enjoying many more years in the independent Village of Tannersville!

Very truly yours,

Mendel Mockin & Family

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**From:** Baila Kamman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:03 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Question for meeting

To whom it may concern:

I attended virtually, the meeting with a neutral evaluator held this summer. He stated that the usual reason for village dissolution is lack of financial resources by a village. Repeatedly, he stated that there are NO fiscal problems with our village.  
He also did not advise that there would be any financial benefit to homeowners, in reduction of taxation or water costs. Any possible benefits seemed minimal and could not be assured.  
Apparently, there is currently service sharing between Hunter and Tannersville, so duplication of services doesn't seem to be at issue either.  
Can anyone offer any plausible explanation why the dissolution of historic Tannersville will benefit individual homeowners financially or otherwise?

Waiting to hear from you,

Barbara Kamman, Esq  
Homeowner at [REDACTED]  
Tannersville

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:10 PM  
**To:** Tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution  
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I would like to register my opposition to the village dissolution.

I have been coming to the village since 1987 and a homeowner for 24 years. I appreciate our village in the sky and feel the best interest of the village is self rule.

The village is currently financially solvent and the proposed tax savings are not guaranteed to continue. The intention and interests of the town of Hunter are not necessarily in Tannersville especially with our current grants, as well as the water treatment plant.

The village of Hunter unfortunately is not in the same financial state as well as Haines Falla. We need to protect Tannersville's interest.

It is my opinion that the best interests of the Village is not served by the dissolution. I hope we can retain our lovely cherished village

Thank you  
Laurie Silberstein  
202 Spring Street

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**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Uri Kirschner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:37 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution

Hi Robin

I hope you're well.

Please share these comments and feelings with the trustees of the village.

As you might know I am a longtime seasonal resident - over 50 years now - of our beloved Tannersville. My family has been coming to Tannersville for close to 70 years now as well. The Kirschner - Breuer family has been blessed to have already 6 generations of residents of Tannersville. We thank G-D for that. We have also purchased and built numerous properties in the Village.

As you know I also serve as the President of the congregation on Tompkins Street- Cong Anshe Hasharon. I never had to write a message to the village before. But now is the time.

I want to strongly register my opposition to the proposal to dissolve the Village.

My family, our relatives, our neighbors and fellow congregants have invested so many years of happy efforts, sacrifices and work to ensure that the Village remains to be a place of which we are proud and happy to raise our children and spend happy times.

Giving over the reigns to the Town of Hunter is NOT what we want to see happen. They do not have the same interests, short term or long term as we do. They will not put "Tannersville First- as we'd always like our government to do and act.

I have reviewed the reports and information provided. I am an attorney practicing in the state of New York almost 30 years now. I am very familiar with these types of reports. I am not convinced at all that the purported financial savings and gains are significant enough or in fact will ever materialize. I strongly feel that the risk of loss to our village and residents is far greater than the potential gains stated which I am not convinced will ever happen.

I have also heard during the meetings that the village feels understaffed and overworked. We have so many residents in our community and in our congregation who would happily volunteer their time and efforts to assist the village in so many different aspects. We have many talented professionals who would be willing to get involved and volunteer for the village. Please reach out to me and I could coordinate these efforts.

Please - I strongly request that you vote AGAINST the proposal. Let's get back to focusing on Tannersville First.

Thank you.

Uri Kirschner, Esq.  
Silberberg & Kirschner, LLP  
Resident of [REDACTED]  
Tannersville New York  
[REDACTED]



**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Meir Spinner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:20 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution of Village

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Dear Trustees,

I am writing to inform you that I strongly oppose the proposal to dissolve the beautiful Village of Tannersville, appropriately known as the Painted Village in the Sky.

I have the privilege of owning a home on Spring Street for more than 20 years, and have come to love the special character and flavor Tannersville, which I fear will be lost if dissolved.

Other than the argument over duplication of services, I have heard no good, clear practical benefit that would come from dissolution

As a psychiatrist, I understand the value of community to the health and well being of a people, and I cannot stand by quietly and see this sad outcome come to pass

Thank you for your consideration,

Meir Spinner, MD

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** mendel landsman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:48 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com

Please vote "no" on the dissolution of the Village of Tannersville.

Menachem Mendel Landsman, 95 ~~Rose Park~~, Tannersville, NY 12485.

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Laurence Cohen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:17 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Village vote  
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I am writing as a longtime seasonal resident (approximately 28 years) and a homeowner to register my strong opposition to the proposal to dissolve the Village of Tannersville.

The Village has a long history .Our town fathers invested much effort and love to create a much beloved and beautiful spot that they and visitors can enjoy.

Giving up our independence -even if it's to a neighbor-who may not have the same interests, is a shortsighted decision. The financial gains-themselves uncertain and subject to many variables- are minimal. Home rule and control of our own affairs are important factors that should not be discarded easily.

Please vote to kill the proposal.

Thank you.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Laurence Cohen  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** A Schneerson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 1:10 AM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution of Tannersville

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Dear Village Board,

The village of Tannersville has a rich and diverse history. I spent a great portion of my childhood and adulthood in its charming milieu and i am very fond of it. Naturally I am concerned about the proposed dissolution of our beautiful village. Kindly vote against this proposition.

Respectfully  
Abraham Schneerson  
107 Spring St.

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Schneur Eichorn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 1:49 AM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comment for public hearing 11/4 regarding Dissolution plan.

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Dear Village Board and Trustees,

As a resident of Tannersville for over 20 years, I strongly oppose the proposal to dissolve the Village. I have enjoyed our uniquely harmonious environment during my youth and continue to appreciate it with my family.

I urge Tannersville to maintain its independent identity and autonomy. Dissolving the Village would irrevocably lose this for a dubious few cents.

From a fiscal perspective, I am concerned that the Hunter town board has not committed to the report's conclusions that there will be no increase in taxes. Once the dissolution is complete, taxes may increase dramatically, especially if property is reassessed. This could negatively impact longtime homeowners more than they may realize and easily negate the report's findings.

As the commissioned report shows, there are no tangible benefits to us from this move. It is time to tell those who petitioned this process, that we can confidently say "it's not worth it!", and close out the process.

I would also like to point out that the NYS grant can be canceled at any time, which would no longer make this a neutral move.

I urge you to prioritize the needs and opinions of Tannersville residents and vote against this proposal. Our community deserves to thrive on its own merits as it has been happily until now.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

SZ Eichorn,

[REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED] St.

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Alexander Kranz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 6:29 AM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dissolution Porposal

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Good Morning,

I am writing in opposition of the dissolution proposal. It is clear that this doesn't present a financial benefit for our village. My family and I immensely enjoy our home on South Main Street and the beautiful surroundings the village offers. It would be a shame to transfer control of our village to another entity. The people of Tannersville deserve the right to control what happens in our village. We live on it and should have the decision making powers. It is such a beautiful place to live and it would be a shame if that would change.

Thank you,  
Alex Kranz

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Mordi Simons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 9:13 AM  
**To:** Tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dear Trustees

Dear Village Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dissolution of the village of Tannersville. After engaging with various residents and community members, it has become clear that this plan does not provide any clear tangible benefits to our village. The longstanding close relationship between Tannersville residents, the village board, and village employees has been a cornerstone of our communities peaceful and harmonious being. This proposal threatens that partnership, and I have yet to hear from anyone who can articulate how such a change would actually enhance our village's well-being or governance. I urge you to reconsider this plan and prioritize the needs and opinions of Tannersville residents. Our community deserves to thrive based on its own merits, and I believe there are more effective ways to address any concerns than dissolving our village. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Thanks and best regards.

Mordechai and Nina simons

[REDACTED] Tannersville NY 12485

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Dobra Spinner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposal

Dear Trustees,

As a Tannersville homeowner for the past 25 years & a renter previously, I feel blessed to be a part of this charming, gracious community.

I am opposed to the proposal to dissolve the Village of Tannersville.

Currently the Village is financially solvent. To make unnecessary changes could jeopardize this and would be irresponsible. There are other unknowns such as taxes & utilities that could impact negatively.

I firmly oppose the proposal.

With blessings for the continuation of this magical Village.

Dobra Jenyse Spinner  
[REDACTED] t



tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Yaakov Silberstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 1:08 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed dissolution of the village of Tannersville

Dear Village Board,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed dissolution of the village of Tannersville. After speaking to other residents and community members, this move is not for the benefit of our dear Tannersville.

We have owned a home in Tannersville for almost 25 years and rented for more years before that. The close relationship between Tannersville residents, the village board, and village employees has been a cornerstone of our community's peaceful and harmonious existence. This proposal threatens that partnership, and I have yet to hear from anyone who can clearly explain how such a change would actually enhance our village's well-being.

On the other hand, there is a looming question of higher taxes and real estate assessments which are a real concern.

But also important is maintaining the independence and unique character of the town we so love.

I urge you to reconsider this plan and prioritize the needs and opinions of Tannersville residents.

Our community deserves to thrive based on its own merits, and I believe there are more effective ways to address any concerns than dissolving our village.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Silberstein  
[REDACTED]  
Tannersville, NY 12485

Honorable Village Board,

Please reconsider dissolving  
the village of Tannersville.

Our independence and voice as  
residents is crucial to ~~the~~ keep  
our village peaceful and unique.

Thank you to the village board  
for all their hard work running  
our village.

Boruch Kerzer

Spring St.

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** NMF Properties [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 3:08 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposed dissolution of the village of TANNERSVILLE

> Dear Village Board,

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> I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed dissolution of the village of Tannersville. After speaking to other residents and community members, this move is not for the benefit of our dear Tannersville.

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> We have owned a home in Tannersville for almost 25 years and rented for more years before that. The close relationship between Tannersville residents, the village board, and village employees has been a Blessing! The proposal to dissolve threatens this Blessing! There isn't a single person who can tell me any benefit this dissolution will provide.

> The residents of TANNERSVILLE will only be subjected to higher taxes and higher real estate assessments.

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> I urge you to reconsider this and understand that it will not benefit the needs of Tannersville's residents.

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> Our community deserves to thrive and the dissolution, May G-d save us, will only destroy one of the most beautiful villages in the entire world.

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> Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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> Sincerely yours, Neal M Friedfertig, [REDACTED], TANNERSVILLE, NY

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Abraham Unger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 3:21 PM  
**To:** Abraham Unger; tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Village  
  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed dissolution plan for the Village of Tannersville.

As a proud homeowner over 10 years and family renters of over 30 years, with our fourth generation now frequenting the Mountaintop, I firmly believe this plan is not in the best interest of Tannersville's taxpayers and residents.

The Village's financial stability and independence are crucial assets. Dissolution's uncertain consequences outweigh any perceived benefits. I urge fellow residents to reject this plan.

Sincerely,

Abraham Unger & Family

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Miriam Friedfertig [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 3:26 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Please Don't Dissolve Our Precious Village of Tannersville  
  
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Dear Village Board -

Together with my Husband we own our our wonderful house at [redacted] Church Street for approximately 25 years. Prior to this we rented for many years.

Dissolving our Village and incorporating it into another entity will only raise taxes and property assessments. Please don't do that you will be hurting numerous retired people, single mothers and those living on fixed incomes.

Refrain from this plan as you will be forcing the residents of our Village, given no other choice, to see to it that through an election, a new board will be installed. You have all worked so hard for the beauty of our Village, please don't ruin your good names.

Best Wishes -

Miriam Friedfertig

[redacted] Church Street

Tannersville, NY 12485

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Alex Landsman (IT) [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 3:28 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** NO to the dissoltuion of the Village of Tannersville

I have been a resident since 1988 and a homeowner since 2001.

My vote on the dissolution of the village is "NO"



Tannersville Water Dept <tannersvillewater@gmail.com>

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## NO to the dissoltuion of the Village of Tannersville

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Alex Landsman (IT) [REDACTED]  
To: tannersvillewater@gmail.com

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 9:36 PM

My other comment would be that whomever is in favor of the dissolution failed to present a compelling case. I can think of only one reason for this, which is there are no good arguments in favor of the dissolution that could be publicly voiced.

[Quoted text hidden]

tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Aaron Bartfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 3:47 PM  
**To:** Tannersville Water Dept  
**Subject:** Letter to the Trustee

Dear Trustees.

As a homeowner in Tannersville for over 20 years, I would like to recommend that you vote against the dissolution of the Village of Tannersville.

Tannersville is not Hunter, and Hunter is not Tannersville. We have our separate identities, although we are practically neighbors.

I love the village and I love its uniqueness. Bigger is not always better, and if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Please vote against the proposal and keep things the way they are.

Thank You!

Wishing you a pleasant winter

Aaron Bartfield

[REDACTED]  
Tannersville NY 12485



tannersvillewater@gmail.com

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**From:** Yisroel Fischer [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 4:08 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposed Dissolution Plan

To whom it may concern:

I wish to express my opposition to the Proposed Village of Tannersville Dissolution Plan.

I was introduced to the Village of Tannersville on or about February 14, 2022. I came to look at the possibility of renting a home for the upcoming summer season. Instead, I put an offer on a home that day (having never stepped foot in Tannersville before that day), and closed on our new home June 9, 2022. This was the first home in over 30 years that I actually owned vs. rented.

My family and I fell in love with the warm feeling of the home. The almost 130 year history of the Village; the 120 year history of our place of worship; the forethought that was put into what has made Tannersville what it is today. Our guests cannot get over how nice the atmosphere is. From a purely emotional perspective, there is no reason to sacrifice this long standing small-town community.

As an accountant for over 43 years, I also see no reason from the financial perspective. The Village appears to me to be fiscally sound, so there should be no sound reason for pursuing this Dissolution Plan.

I have seen too often the promises made for economic growth when a casino option is presented to a community. The only parties that benefit are those that are presenting the plan, not the residents of the community. I see that same scenario taking place with this Dissolution Plan.

Tannersville is 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours from Brooklyn (depending on time of day and traffic). I did not pay a premium to acquire my home just 2 1/2 years ago to have my rights restricted or altered, and the warmth and feeling of a 130 year community "go up in smoke" for the benefit of those pushing this agenda.

Again, on behalf of my wife and children, I want to express my 100% opposition to proceeding with the Proposed Dissolution Plan.

Thank you!

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*Yisroel (Steven) Fischer*

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**From:** Chaya F. [redacted] <chayafriedfertig@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 4:32 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com

Dear village board,

I hope this email finds you well.

I have been a resident of Tannersville since I have been a child and only have the best memories from this special town.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dissolution of the Tannersville Board. This change would have significant impacts on our community, affecting not only local governance but also the unique character and services that define Tannersville.

The board plays a crucial role in making decisions that reflect the values and needs of our residents. Dissolving it could lead to decisions made by larger entities with less familiarity with or commitment to our specific community interests. We risk losing the close attention, accessible representation, and tailored services that a dedicated local board provides.

Maintaining local leadership is essential to preserving the warm community-focused governance that has served Tannersville so well.

I trust that the board will act in the best interests of our residents and our future.

Sincerely,  
Chaya Friedfertig

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Rebecca Davis [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comment for November 4 public hearing.

To the Village Board,

We have owned a second home in Tannersville for the past 20 years and have been coming to Tannersville for over 35 years.

We have reviewed the proposed dissolution plan and believe that the plan should be rejected.

All reasons put forward in the proposal for dissolution have, at best, only short term advantages and would not benefit Tannersville or its residents in the long term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca and Percy Deift

[redacted]

Tannersville

**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Abe Gross [Abe.Gross@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2024 3:57 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Village of Tannersville proposed dissolution plan

Dear trustees, As longtime renters and owners in the beautiful town of Tannersville, we would like to express our opposition to the dissolution of the village of Tannersville .  
what excites us about belonging to the unique village is specifically the condensed environment, which we so cherish. Merging with the surrounding town of Hunter will not only defeat this purpose, but might encourage us to look for other avenues.

As we are asking once again, please keep the status quo, and vote against this dissolution plan.

Sincerely

Norman Gross

[Redacted]  
Tannersville

Sent from my iPad

## Tannersville Village Clerk

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**From:** James Farley [mailto:gooseberrycreek@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2024 4:44 PM  
**To:** Village Clerk  
**Subject:** Nov. 4 Dissolution Meeting

We can't attend, but my family will be voting "NO" on this dissolution plan. After studying the information, talking with other Tannersville residents, reading about other NY dissolved villages and doing the math we feel that the dissolution is not warranted. Thank you, Elane and James Farley

## Tannersville Village Clerk

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**From:** KAREN TERNS [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2024 11:39 AM  
**To:** Robin  
**Subject:** Tannersville Village Dissolution

I am very much against the dissolution of our village.

Since 1895 we have been the village of Tannersville and there is no need to change that now For the little tiny bit of savings that they're saying we're going to get it is not worth losing our community, and the employees that we depend on every day that do a fantastic job, and are easily accessible to all the residents of the Village.

If we need some thing from the village clerk, we can just run in the office get our answer from Robin or call on the phone. They actually answer the phone instead of like most places that you call you have to leave messages Kerry and our highway crew do a great job with the roads, the park and all of the village properties.

Personally, I can tell you if I see a problem with maybe the water, or a big tree down on a street or anything else I can call or text Robin or Kerry no matter what time it is to alert them And believe me, I have talked to them both at 10 o'clock at night. There is not another government office that cares enough to answer calls after 5 PM. If they answer at all.

I do not understand why anyone would want to lose our sense of community and really our sense of being a small little family unit.

We know how hard the village employees work and we don't want to lose that.

From someone that has lived here all my life this is a foolish idea and a real detriment to the place we live.

Sent from my iPhone

November 4, 2024


A lot of my questions have to do with the possibility of a conflict of interest and possible appearance of impropriety, being that the Hunter Foundation has many interests in the Village of Tannersville. This is no secret. Although the Hunter Foundation has had some good ideas and good impacts for the village, they also have had, in my opinion, some bad ones. Having control of all those decisions could have an appearance of conflict of interest under the Town's control, being that the Supervisor is also the Executive Director of the Hunter Foundation.

My four questions are as follows:

1. On the flyer that was mailed out, why was an old picture of backs of buildings, a very unattractive picture used? Was this to undermine the people and make them think the village is not what it is?
2. I would like each board member to stand and tell us their reasoning for bringing this motion to dissolve the Village forward for a vote and tell us about their feelings on the village dissolving. What do they see as the positives and the negatives to dissolving? Do any of them have dealings personally, past or present, with the Hunter Foundation as this could give the appearance of a conflict of interest since this vote could turn the Village over to the Town that is run by the Supervisor who is also the Executive Director of the Hunter Foundation which could appear as a personal gain for those involved?
3. What would happen to the 10-million-dollar Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant from NY State that was for the Village of Tannersville? If the Town receives that money, will it still be for the now Hamlet of Tannersville or would those funds be dispersed to the other Village and the other Hamlets within the Town?
4. If the Village gets turned over to the Town, being that the Hunter Foundation has such an impact on many who live in this Village, be it providing work, hiring contractors, charging rent, workers whose family works for the Foundation, Etc., how does that play out with the fact the Town Supervisor is also the Executive Director for the Foundation and would now have full power over any and all projects done in the old village through the Town Board and the Town Department Heads? The people of the old village who are affected by this will lose their voting power to protect their areas from projects that will not affect those who do not reside in the old village, many who are on the Board of the Hunter Foundation and the Town Board. Even leaving one or the other position or recusing yourself from discussions will cause the appearance of a conflict of interest as the positions were already held and the appearance of impropriety will continue to exist.

I feel a vote of no on this dissolution is warranted based on the appearance of conflicts of interest and the loss of the people's power to protect the area by vote that they live in from those who will not be affected by voting on projects that will not affect them as they live outside the old village boundaries.

Michael Pascucci

  
Tannersville, NY 12485

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2024 4:06 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Village Dissolution

To the Village Board –

My family have been summer residents of Tannersville since 1950. My father purchased the house at [REDACTED] South Main Street from his neighbor, Judge Fromer, in 1953. We created a family compound by locating a double-wide mobile home on the same grounds. I am writing as a longtime seasonal resident and a longtime homeowner to register my opposition to the dissolution proposal.

The Village has a long and distinguished history. We have invested much effort to create a beautiful spot that we and our guests and family can enjoy.

Handing over the keys to someone else -even if it's a neighbor-who may not have the same interests is a shortsighted decision. The financial gains-themselves uncertain and subject to many variables- are minimal. Home rule and control of our own affairs are important factors that should not be discarded easily.

Please vote to kill the proposal.

Thank you.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Samson R. Bechhofer

[REDACTED]

*Samson R. Bechhofer, Esq.*  
Senior Counsel  
Pryor Cashman LLP

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**tannersvillewater@gmail.com**

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**From:** Tzvi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2024 3:54 PM  
**To:** tannersvillewater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Object to the Dissolution plan

To whom it may concern

I object to the dissolution plan

Thanks

Tzvi Tauby

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Tannersville, NY 12485

ROBERT JANUSZEWSKI

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TANNERSVILLE, NY 12485

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November 4, 2024

## TANNERSVILLE DISSOLUTION REPORT PENDING BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Disclosure:** Although I have represented the Village of Tannersville on matters related to the Watershed and the Greene County Soil and Water Schoharie Watershed Advisory Board and initiated EARTH DAY in Tannersville for the past 8 years, I am not a resident of Tannersville. I am a part of the Tannersville Water System but live just out of the Village Borders and cannot vote on this matter or in any elections conducted inside the Village. Further, I do realize that my Tannersville Water rates are substantially higher than residents of Tannersville and, as an initial result of Village Dissolution, a follow-on "Water District" will potentially equalize water rates among those who are currently in the system – whether in Tannersville or outside the Village but in the Water System. If so, my rate will likely reduce in the new "District" and I would save money. Even should that be the case – and I would save money – I oppose the dissolution of the Village of Tannersville.

1. **"IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT."** Recent years in both budget outlay as well as taxes charged for Village services have not resulted in any substantial tax increases. In the current report received by the Village Board last month, there is no indication that the Village is "bankrupt" or is running "red ink." Tannersville is not "on the eve of destruction." There are little Village financial reasons for dissolution.
2. **SUBSTANTIAL MONITARY SAVINGS WILL NOT RESULT.** From road maintenance, to street lighting, snow plowing, park maintenance, water billing, Village Court activity, Village Board meetings, construction permitting and inspection, and more has been a Village responsibility for more than a century... and will need to continue as well. Will the "Rule Book" be changed? That remains to be seen. And, if advisable, the Village can review and change its own rules should it result in an advantage for the community. Rule change does not need a different governing body to have that happen if advisable. **Can we assume that the current Village/Town rules and regulations** – say, speed limits, as well as zoning, building and use rules overlap or be refined and replaced? Is that what the Tannersville residents want?

The layoff of the handful of employees – less than 10 fulltime and parttime – is a modest amount. And, needless to say, these tasks will continue to require attention – parks and roads, lighting, and repairs as needed. The assumption is that the Town of Hunter will absorb these tasks and hire the necessary staff to make it happen. Who and how many? And, a what cost added to the Town tax rate? Balancing Village tax reductions to

increases in Town tax increases is a curious adventure... And, the question is... both property tax and water district charges... up or down? Or, will they simply balance out?

3. **TWO BITES AT THE APPLE?** The Mountaintop history carries several local government units working to uplift our communities. Part of that is in competition with each other – and other jurisdictions – to attract both state and federal grant dollars as well as interested foundation support. Tannersville has been extremely successful in the pursuit of grant and foundation support and investment. The Village has been the focus of both park-related investments at Rip Van Winkle – lake and shoreline improvements over the last decade. These grants continue right now at the east shore of the lake. And, in the immediate future, a substantial investment in rehabilitation on Main Street and in housing for Seniors and Working Families will replace the collapsed Cold Springs Hotel. The Tannersville focus has been more than appropriate given the simple fact that Tannersville is the **economic center** of the south side of the Mountain Top. Haines Falls, Lanesville, and the Village of Hunter is stressed while Tannersville is setting the stage to grow. The Town of Hunter has been stable and has attracted some grant resources as well... and recently completed the Hunter Rail Trail from Ski Bowl Road over a bridge to Stoney Clove.

Given the source of grant funding – NY State and US Federal resources – two local governments worked up grant applications. Do we think that ONE bite at the apple – as determined by the Town of Hunter – would be a better success at attracting support and investments? Please note that a new NY State DRI grant record has been set by Tannersville – the \$10,000,000 DRI grant that will be quite visible soon with substantial economic growth as well as much needed Working Families and Senior housing units.

4. **SHOULD WE ABANDON THE ECONOMIC CENTER OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN TOP? Or, should we continue to grow from the center – reaching out and growing out to include other villages and hamlets?**

On the north side of the Mountain Top, the Town of Windham is the economic center of growth and activity. Other quiet Towns and hamlets are nearby and peaceful – from Maplecrest to Jewett to Ashland, and Prattsville. The Town of Windham feeds and grows off of Windham Mountain. Here, Hunter Mountain feeds our economy but the Village of Hunter remains stressed. Mountains aside, the town of Windham is the economic engine on the north... and the Village of Tannersville is the engine on the south. Aside from hotels on either side, the business community is and should be the focus of the Mountaintop.

These are the primary reasons that I oppose the dissolution of Tannersville. Rather, I believe that Tannersville should be the southside focus of renewal and expansion and not abandonment.

ROBERT JANISZEWSKI