

Potsdam Dissolution Hearing To Be Recorded

POTSDAM - A consortium of civic organizations has arranged for the filming and broadcast of the village of Potsdam's public hearing on the vote to dissolve the village of Potsdam at 7 p.m. Monday in the Snell Theater in the Old Snell Hall in the downtown campus of Clarkson University.

Snell Theater can comfortably hold the large crowd expected for the hearing. There is excellent parking

facilities behind the building on Elm St. and it is fully handicapped accessible.

The filming is sponsored and produced in cooperation with the St. Lawrence County American Association of University Women (AAUW), the SLC League of Women Voters (LWV), and the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with North Country Matters, the civic affairs program produced by the students in Clarkson University's

Comm. 310 and Dan Dullea, Senior Communication Specialist at the Center for Excellence in Communication.

The partner organizations are working to provide voter education about a critical issue that will affect residents in both the village and town of Potsdam. It is important that every voice be heard and by as many people as possible, whether or not they can attend the meeting on Sept. 12.

For those who cannot attend the 7 p.m. meeting, Clarkson University's Comm. 310 students will record the public meeting and produce a video. Although the hearing will not be broadcast live, several repeat broadcasts of the meeting will air on the local public access station, WCKN, Time Warner cable channel 30. The video will also be posted on YouTube.

In August, the village board approved the Dissolution

Committee's plan, a 260-page document designed to help guide the town board through the transition process should the village voters vote to dissolve.

The village board has until Oct. 3 to review the plan and submit a final draft to the county board of elections. Village voters will decide whether or not to dissolve the village in the general election on Nov. 8. Voters can learn more and read the final plan

at www.cgr.org/potsdam/.

In addition to broadcasting the public hearing video, the civic partners are also planning one or two live call-in shows before Election Day to answer and any last minute questions and to air public opinion about the dissolution vote.

Some members of the Potsdam Dissolution Committee have agreed to be on hand to respond to questions and provide factual information.