

**LEGAL NOTICE FOR
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF
PROPOSED JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT
TOWN OF OLEAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
AND
WESTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT AND EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a joint public hearing will be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Olean, 2634 Route 16 North, Olean , New York 14760 at 7:00 p.m. on August 15th 2017 for the purposes of consideration, by the Town Board of Olean and the Board of Fire Commissioners of Westons Mills Fire District (The Boards), for the approval of a Joint Consolidation Agreement, (Agreement) endorsed by the Boards on June 20th , 2017, and at the same time, a resolution to expand the Boundaries of the Westons Mills Fire District to include the geographic area of the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1. . Any interested person shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any aspect of the proposed consolidation and boundary extension.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following is a descriptive summary of the Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement between the Town of Olean (“Town”) on behalf of the Olean Fire Protection District #1 and the Westons Mills Fire District (“Fire District”) endorsed by the Town and Fire District by resolution dated June 20th 2017.

*DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF
PROPOSED JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT
TOWN OF OLEAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
AND
WESTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT AND EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES*

The following is a descriptive summary of the Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement between the Town of Olean (“Town”) on behalf of the Olean Fire Protection District #1 and the Westons Mills Fire District (“Fire District”) endorsed by the Town and Fire District by resolution dated June 20th 2017.

- 1. Currently, the Town currently maintains the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1, which is provided fire protection and ambulance services to a portion of the Town of Olean. The Westons Mills Fire District currently provides fire protection and ambulance services to the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1. The Town taxes the taxpayers in the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1 and pays that tax to the Fire District under a contract for fire protection and ambulance service.*
- 2. The Town and the Fire District desire to consolidate the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1 and the Fire District, resulting in the extension of the boundaries of the Westons Mills Fire District to include those properties that lie within the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1, and the termination of the existence of the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1. The geographic area of the Westons Mills Fire District will be expanded and consolidated, and the Westons Mills Fire District would continue to provide fire protection and ambulance services to the that portion of the Town of Olean that lies within the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1. The addresses of all properties within the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1 are set forth in the agreement.*

3. *The Fire District's existing Board of Fire Commissioners would serve as Commissioners of the expanded and consolidated Fire District and as each Commissioner's term of office expires or becomes vacant, such position would be filled pursuant to law. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Fire District are annually appointed positions and these positions would continue to be appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Town Law.*
4. *The Town would no longer be required to include appropriations for the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1 in their budget. All the taxpayers that lies within the expanded and consolidated Westons Mills Fire District would pay a fire tax for the Westons Mills Fire District through their Town and County tax bill. The Town would save the cost of administering the Fire Protection District. After 1/1/2018, all registered electors within the Westons Mill Fire District, will be eligible to vote at any special and annual election of the Westons Mills Fire District. The members of the board of fire commissioners will be chosen from within the new extended which extended boundaries will include the geographic area encompassing Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1, and property addresses as set forth in the agreement.*
5. *The Town has no assets or liabilities with respect to the Town of Olean Fire Protection District #1. The existing assets and liabilities of the Fire District would become assets and liabilities of the expanded and consolidated Westons Mills Fire District.*
6. *There is no plan for disposing of any assets of the expanded and consolidated Westons Mills Fire District. The liabilities of the expanded and consolidated Westons Mills Fire District would be paid from the taxes collected by the Fire District.*
7. *All existing Resolutions and Orders of the Fire District would remain in full force and effect and be administered by the consolidated Fire District.*
8. *The effective date of the consolidation would be January 1, 2018 at 12:00 A.M*
9. *Copies of the proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement, along with this Descriptive Summary, may be viewed, in their entirety, at the following public places:*

*Westons Mills Community Center
1310 Olean-Portville Road
Westons Mills, NY 14788
(Westons Mill FD)*

*Westons Mills Post Office
Olean-Portville Rd.
Westons Mills, NY 14788
(Westons Mill FD)*

*Town of Portville
1102 Portville-Olean Road,
Portville, NY
(Westons Mill FD)*

*Olean Town Hall
2634 Route 16 North
Olean, NY 14760
(Town of Olean)*

*B.O.C.E.S
1825 Windfall Road
Olean, NY 14760
(Town Of Olean Fire Protection #1)*

10. A joint public hearing on the proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement will be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Olean, 2634 Route 16 North, Olean , New York 14760 at 7:00 p.m. on August 15th 2017 for the purposes of consideration, by the Town Board of Olean and the Board of Fire Commissioners of Westons Mills Fire District (The Boards) to approving a Joint Consolidation Agreement, (Agreement) endorsed by the Boards on June 20th , 2017 , and at the same time, to expand the Boundaries of the Westons Mills Fire District to include the geography area of the Town of Olean Fire Protection District. Any interested person shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any aspect of the proposed consolidation and boundary extension.

June 20th, 2017

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Olean, NY 14760

Terry L. Everetts
Secretary
Westons Mills Fire District
1310 Olean-Portville Road
Olean, New York 14760