

DECEMBER 16, 2016

Tug Hill Commission Elects Officers for 2017-18

At the December 12th meeting of the Tug Hill Commission, the board re-elected the current slate of officer:

Jan Bogdanowicz, Montague – Chairman

Michael G. Yerdon, Sr., Redfield – Vice Chairman

Thomas Boxberger, Watertown – Secretary

In other business, the commission also adopted its 2017 meeting calendar:

Date	Location	Time
January 23	Constantia	10:00 a.m.
March 29	Watertown	4:00 p.m.
April 24	Barneveld	10:00 a.m.
May 15	Leyden	10:00 a.m.
June 19	Deferiet	10:00 a.m.
September 18	Orwell	10:00 a.m.
October 16	Floyd	10:00 a.m.
November 9	Annual Meeting - TBD	5:30 p.m.
December 11	Watertown	10:00 a.m.

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LGC Registration Now Open

For online registration go to: <https://lgc2017.eventbrite.com>.

For mail in registration go to: www.tughill/lgc2017

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Approach Shared in Rhode Island

Part of the Tug Hill Commission's operating philosophy is to share our organization's innovative approach with other regions. Most recently, commission executive director, Katie Malinowski, had the opportunity to share information about our grassroots efforts using circuit riders, with the new staff serving the Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island. Through connections from commissioner Ken Vigus, the circuit rider job description and other information was sent to help get the new position off to a good start. Although the specific issues facing Rhode Island may be different than those on Tug Hill, the geographical size the region served is fairly similar, and understanding what is occurring at the local level is a key way to inform statewide policies.

2016 Consolidated Funding Application Awards Announced

Successful grant applications to the Consolidated Funding Application were announced last week. The full list of awards can be viewed at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/2016-regional-council-award-ceremony>.

Two applications that the commission assisted with were funded:

- The Oneida County town of Annsville was awarded \$638,000 in CDBG funding to design and construct a drinking water distribution system. This award builds on a CDBG planning grant they received two years ago.
- The Jefferson County town of Wilna was awarded \$75,000 in parks funding to design the Black River Waterfront Recreation Park on the former Crown Cleaners EPA Superfund site.

Additional awards made in the region include:

- The Oneida County village of Boonville will receive \$750,000 in CDBG funding to replace old, undersized stormwater infrastructure.
- The Oneida County village of Camden will receive \$30,000 in DEC funding to complete an engineering study to evaluate the existing wastewater treatment plant and suggest improvements.
- The Oneida County village of Sylvan Beach will conduct an engineering study to identify sources of in-flow and infiltration to the village’s collection system, with \$25,000 in DEC funding.

Now is the time to start planning for next year’s grant applications! Contact either your circuit rider or a Watertown staff member to discuss your project.

SLELO PRISM Website Updated

The St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM) recently unveiled a redesigned website at www.sleloinvasives.org. The new look is more eye-catching and easier to navigate. Highlighted are some of the PRISM’s special projects, which includes “Restoring the Salmon River,” “Water Chestnut Biological Control,” and annual field season reports.



Video from November 14 Article 10 Workshop Available

In the last edition of Tug Hill Times, information was provided on the workshop, co-hosted by the Tug Hill Commission and Jefferson County Planning, about the Article 10 review process for the siting of electrical generating facilities. The entire presentation, by the NYS Department of Public Service's General Counsel Paul Agresta, was recorded by Jefferson County Planning and uploaded to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZApi1NM4sg&feature=youtu.be>. Links to the video and materials from the workshop are on both the commission and county planning websites.

Developing Policies and Procedures to Manage and Secure Your Technology

What Every Municipality Should Know!

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Check-in: 6:00 pm.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Student Center
5701 Horatio St. Utica, NY 13502

Who Should Attend:

- Supervisors & Mayors
- Council Members & Trustees
- And others who use or manage technology in your municipality

There is a \$15.00 fee to attend the workshop. Registration and payment deadline is Friday, January 20, 2017.

This workshop is sponsored by the Local Government Education Committee (LGEC). For more information and registration form visit www.lgec.org or call 315-792-7270.

Snow date - January 31.

Association of Towns of the State of New York 2017 Annual Meeting & Training School

When: February 19 – 22, 2017

Where: Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway,
New York, NY 10036

Who should attend?

- NYS elected and appointed town and other municipal officials (supervisors, highway superintendents, planning and zoning board members, town clerks and assessors and more)
- Companies doing business or providing services to NYS local governments
- Individuals looking for Attorney CLE credits, Engineering PDH credits and other certifications and credits

For more information, go to the AOT Web site, (www.nytowns.org); the AOT bimonthly magazine, Talk of the Towns & Topics; and the social media pages of AOT: Twitter (@nytowns) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/nytowns).

Online registration is open. Early-bird pricing will be available until Jan. 27, 2017.

If you have any questions please call the Association of Towns office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (518) 465-7933.

Plan for Open Space Conservation can Advance Projects in the Tug Hill Region

The 2016 Open Space Conservation Plan (OSP) is now available. The process of updating the OSP involved coordination among state agencies, including the Tug Hill Commission, as well as public and stakeholder participation. The OSP is a comprehensive statewide plan that describes current open space conservation goals, actions, tools, resources and programs administered by state and federal agencies and conservation nonprofits. OSP goals include:

- ensuring clean water, air and land for a healthy public and vibrant economy;
- greening New York's economy;
- protecting natural resources and promoting outdoor recreation;
- increasing, deepening and improving the visitor experience;
- creating a 21st century parks system that is aesthetically compelling, energy and operationally efficient, and built to last;
- making the state better prepared and more resilient following future storms and climate change through strategic open space conservation.

The OSP identified priority projects to advance these goals throughout the state. In the Tug Hill Region, priority projects include the Black River Valley, Army Compatible Use Buffers, Inman Gulf, Tug Hill core forests and headwater streams, and the Rome Sand plains. Partnerships with organizations such as the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, State Parks, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and local municipalities can advance these projects in the Tug Hill region. Funding for land acquisitions and easements in these priority areas is available through the environmental Protection Fund. For more information:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/98720.html>

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Electronic versions appear in full color!

New Oswego County History Book Available

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the creation of Oswego County, the *History of Oswego County 1816-2016* will soon be available at most town halls, and the Half-shire Historical Society, among others local historical societies. The 192 page, fully illustrated book includes articles on all of the towns, villages, and the two cities as well as other various topics relevant to Oswego County. Each town, village, and city historian participated in this project. There is new information in each chapter, easy to read "top 10 lists" for each community, and some great photos, many published for the first time!