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New Wind Issue Paper Available

The commission has just completed a new issue paper titled *The Next Generation of Wind Farms on Tug Hill*. As of September 2016, there are six proposed wind farms being planned for the Tug Hill region; four are in various stages of the permitting process and two in early stages of planning. The issue paper provides answers to common questions that municipalities may have about commercial wind farms, how they are permitted, what should be considered and steps municipalities can take to be sure they are part of the planning process. The paper is available on our website <http://www.tughill.org/publications/white-papers/> or you can contact us for a copy.

NOCCOG Annual Dinner Meeting Held September 29th

The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments held its annual meeting and dinner on September 29th with about 90 guests in attendance at the Delta Lake Inn in Rome.

Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Marc Butler, and Brian Peck, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush were in attendance along with County Legislator Norm Leach.

Following a buffet dinner, NOCCOG Chairman John Doiron reported the years activities; including grant applications in the towns of Floyd and Ava for park improvements, administration of grant awards in Camden for a new downtown trail project and Main Street façade improvements, as well as other planning and legislative developments. Fiscal Officer Betsy Mack reported a raise in hourly pay for the two contracted part time local government advisors and cost saving measures that have allowed for a reduction in some expenses including postage and office supplies resulting from increased use of electronic communication. NOCCOG Officers were also elected and remain consistent: Chairman John Doiron, Vice-Chairman Arnie Talgo, Fiscal Officer Betsy Mack, Director Mark Trnchik, and Director Bob Sauer.

Circuit Rider Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds provided an overview of the history of NOCCOG, which formed in 1982 via an intermunicipal agreement and continues to serve eighteen communities in northern Oneida County today with technical assistance and links to more comprehensive services such as planning and community development endeavors. Tug Hill Commission Executive Director Katie Malinowski provided a presentation with updates on various regional initiatives including minimum maintenance road legislation and changes in tax law relating to forestry.

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Tug Hill Commission Meeting Scheduled

The next Tug Hill Commission meeting will take place in the NOCCOG region on October 17th in the Town of Vienna Town Hall on Route 49 in North Bay at 10:00am.

Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner Invitations in the Mail

The commission is holding its annual dinner on Thursday, November 10, at the new Tailwater Barn in Altmar. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a social hour featuring the new Venerable Folks of Tug Hill display and exhibit, as well as tours of the Tailwater facility. At 6:30 pm our featured speaker Ken Lynch, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, will talk about DEC projects and initiatives relevant to the Tug Hill region. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 pm, followed by a presentation by commission executive director Katie Malinowski and a premiere of a new video highlighting the region and the work of the Tug Hill Commission.



If you did not receive an invitation in the mail but would like to attend, please contact our office toll-free in the region at 888-785-2380. Cost is \$30, and reservations must be received by November 4.

Drinking Water Fluoridation Grants Offered Through the Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health is releasing two funding opportunities to support community water fluoridation. These grants will support counties, cities, towns, or villages (municipalities) for costs related to the planning, construction, installation, repair, replacement, or upgrade of fluoride equipment in drinking water facilities.

Drinking Water Fluoridation (projects less than or equal to \$50,000) Funding Opportunity supports municipalities up to \$50,000 for the planning and implementation of community water fluoridation. This funding opportunity is separated into two parts. Component 1 aims to support municipalities seeking to pursue an engineering report to determine the technical feasibility to initiate or maintain water fluoridation and Component 2 aims to support municipalities looking to upgrade, replace, repair or purchase equipment to initiate or maintain water fluoridation. Visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/16953/index.htm> for more information.

Drinking Water Fluoridation – Round 3 Request for Application (Grants Gateway # DOH01-DWF3R3-2017) supports municipalities seeking to upgrade, replace or repair existing water fluoridation equipment or install fluoridation systems in public water systems that have authorized the implementation of fluoridation. Applicants may request between \$50,001 and \$1 million in funding. Visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1609211101/index.htm> for more information.

Applicants must submit completed applications through the Grants Gateway. Applications are being accepted on the Grants Gateway until 4:00pm on November 4, 2016. Questions are due October 7, 2016 and answers will be posted on or about October 21, 2016.

Please contact your local health department for assistance:

Jefferson County - 315-786-3710, Lewis County - 315-376-5453.

Oneida County - 315-798-6400, Oswego County - 315-349-3545 .

LAND USE LAW Q&A: FOR PLANNING BOARDS, ZBAs AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Jefferson County Department of Planning
and NYS Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring
a land use training session.

Jefferson County Department of Planning and NYS Tug Hill Commission
are co-sponsoring a land use training session on Monday, October 24,
2016, 6:30 PM, at Jefferson Community College.

Attorney Scott Chatfield will be on hand to address a range of
questions dealing with the functions, responsibilities, and procedures
of planning boards, zoning boards of appeal, and zoning enforcement
officers. Attorney Chatfield is in private practice based in Marietta,
NY. He is a regular and popular presenter at the Tug Hill Commission
Annual Local Government Conference. Attorney Chatfield has been
affiliated with the New York Planning Federation and the NYS
Commission on Rural Resources, and speaks often on legal issues
related to planning and zoning.

In preparation for this Q & A session, please feel free to submit
questions pertaining to general land use procedures or legal topics you
think would be beneficial and educational for a broad audience.
Sample topic areas include: site plan review procedures, variances,
zoning amendments, special permits, zoning permits and
enforcement, Board findings and decisions, recordkeeping, and zoning
administration legal pitfalls.

These questions will be forwarded to Attorney Chatfield to help
prepare discussion on selected topics prior to the session. Questions
can be e-mailed to planning@co.jefferson.ny.us no later than October
21, 2014. We look forward to an informative session.



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*Land Use Law Q&A:
For Planning Boards, ZBAs and
Zoning Enforcement Officers*

MONDAY

October 24, 2016

6:30-8:30 pm

Jules Center Amphitheater

Room 6-002

Jefferson Community College

1220 Coffeen St.

Watertown, NY

AGENDA

6:30-6:35 pm Welcome and Opening
Remarks

6:35-8:30 pm Q & A by
Attorney Scott Chatfield

RSVP's are strongly encouraged by
Tuesday, October 21st

Please call Jefferson County Planning
Department at (315) 785-3144 or
Email: planning@co.jefferson.ny.us

*If approved by your municipality,
this workshop can provide two (2) hours
of training to meet the
NYS Municipality Training Requirement.*

Note to Planning Board and ZBA
Chairpersons and Clerks – Please share this
notice with other Board members and
officials in your community.

DEC Alerts Boaters to Low Water Levels at Many Boat Launches

Due to the ongoing drought conditions in New York State, many waters are significantly below average water levels for this time of year. In our area, of particular concern are DEC boat launches on Oneida Lake and the Redfield Island Boat Launch on the Salmon River Reservoir in Oswego County. Boaters, particularly those desiring to launch larger, deeper draft boats, are encouraged to contact the [DEC regional office](#) covering the water they desire to launch their boat onto for updated information.

Additionally, there have been some fishing restriction put in place for the Salmon River. More information is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/107955.html>

New NYS Archives Advisory, Insurance Coverage for Records and Data

The NYS Archives has posted a new advisory to their website, Insurance Coverage for Records and Data. You can find it at:

www.archives.nysed.gov/records/mr_advisories_insurance_coverage_for_records_and_data

\$3 Million Available for Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) & ZEV Infrastructure

This program is available to counties, cities, towns and villages of New York, who will be eligible for reimbursement of **up to \$5,000 per vehicle** for purchase or leasing of eligible clean vehicles, and **up to \$250,000 per facility** for installation of eligible Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) or hydrogen fuel cell infrastructure.

DEC is now accepting applications for rebates, to be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis within individual rebate categories **until December 31, 2016**. After this date, any remaining funds will be pooled and rebates will be made on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of category through March 31, 2017, or until the funds are exhausted.

Full program details are outlined in the **Request for Applications** found in the Grants Gateway [Grant Opportunity Portal](#).

For specific questions about the clean vehicle/ZEV infrastructure rebates, email ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov or contact DEC's Office of Climate Change at 518-402-8448.

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