

## Consolidated Funding Application Awards Announced

Several Tug Hill communities received good news earlier this week, as their grant applications through the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) were funded. Mohawk Valley and Central NY REDCs received "top performer" recognition. The full list of funded grants is here:

<https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/2017AwardsREDCRound7Bookletdjunys.pdf>

Tug Hill Commission staff assisted communities with several successful applications, listed below:

- Ava Town Park - \$251,191
- Town of Boonville Salt Storage Facility - \$380,517
- Floyd Town Park - \$99,237
- Town of Remsen Salt Shed - \$142,188
- Long Pond Sno Sled Club - groomer - \$200,000
- Town of Lewis Salt Shed - \$491,250

Additionally, several other Tug Hill communities and partners were funded for their projects, listed below:

- Redfield Snowmobile Association - groomer - \$200,000
- Square Valley Trailblazers - groomer - \$185,000
- Village of Remsen Inflow & Infiltration study - \$30,000
- Village of Boonville Wastewater plant evaluation - \$30,000
- Village of Carthage Inflow & Infiltration study - \$30,000
- Village of Deferiet Playground - \$73,328
- Central Lewis Regional Water - \$297,000
- Lewis County Historical Society General Walter Martin Mansion - \$56,250
- Lewis County Industrial Development Agency for Lyons Falls - \$350,000
- Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District for stormwater improvements at Lewis County Fairgrounds - \$575,000
- Turin Ridge Riders - groomer - \$200,000
- Town of Hastings Inflow & Infiltration study - \$30,000
- Oneida Lake Nine Element Watershed Management Plan – Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board - \$336,000

It is anticipated that there will be another round of Consolidated Funding Applications available in the spring/summer of 2018. It is never too early to start planning your project! Please contact your circuit rider or Watertown staff if you would like assistance from the Tug Hill Commission.

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**Local Government Conference**

**March 29, 2018**

# 2018 Commission Meeting Schedule

The Tug Hill Commission board met Monday, December 11 and set the following 2018 meeting schedule:

Date	Day	Location	Time
January 22	Monday	West Monroe	10 a.m.
March 28	Wednesday	Watertown	4 p.m.
April 16	Monday	Lee	10 a.m.
May 21	Monday	Wilna	10 a.m.
June 18	Monday	Osceola	10 a.m.
September 17	Monday	Albion	10 a.m.
October 15	Monday	Steuben	10 a.m.
November 8	Thursday	TBD	5 p.m.
December 10	Monday	Watertown	10 a.m.



## New Town Roads and Tug Hill's Working Landscape Paper Completed

As part of a continual review of the commission's technical and issue papers, commission staff recently revamped a 2003 issue paper titled "*Winter Logging, Winter Recreation and Town Roads.*" The new paper, "*Town Roads and Tug Hill's Working Landscape,*" acknowledges that roads under town jurisdiction constitute much of the transportation infrastructure on Tug Hill, particularly the more remote and forested areas. Besides providing access for residents and businesses, town roads also provide critical access to logging operations, farming operations, and recreational areas. Towns work hard to manage these roads for the variety of uses they serve, and it can be complicated to juggle the requirements of multiple uses. The paper provides some guidance to frequently asked questions regarding the multiple use of town roads. The paper is available at <http://www.tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/>.

## Save the Date! Preservation League Grant Workshop

When: **JANUARY 10, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Where: Northern New York Philanthropy Center  
131 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601

Frances Gubler, Manager of Technical & Grant Programs at the Preservation League of New York State, will present a workshop on the Preservation League's grant programs. These grants help communities and non-profits conserve, protect, and use their cultural resources. The grants are an important catalyst in realizing community preservation goals.

The Preservation League of New York State is New York's statewide historic preservation not-for-profit. The Preserve New York and Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) programs are a partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and provide funding to nonprofits and municipalities seeking assistance for planning projects.

More information about this workshop will be printed in the December 29<sup>th</sup> issue of the Tug Hill Times.



**Department  
of State**

## **Division of Local Government Services**

### **Winter Webinar Series**

#### **When:**

December 2017 and January 2018

#### **Where:**

Attend from wherever you are. You only need a computer with speakers or a mobile device.

#### **Courses:**

Affordable Housing, Challenges of Local Government Reorganization, Hot Button Land Use Issues, Zoning Board of Appeals Overview, Planning Board Overview

#### **Who:**

Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Governing Board Members, Planning Staff, Code Enforcement Officers, Other Local Officials

#### **More Training Information:**

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lut/index.html>

### **To Register:**

Click on each course below that you want to attend to register.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining each session.

#### **December 19, 2017**

Challenges of Local  
Government

Reorganization

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

#### **December 20, 2017**

Hot Button Land Use  
Issues

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

#### **January 4, 2018**

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Overview

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

#### **January 11, 2018**

Planning Board Overview

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

# New Snowmobile Legislation, Other Information



The Lewis County Sheriff's office recently hosted a law enforcement meeting regarding snowmobiling, with several agencies and organizations presenting information. The NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Snowmobile Unit shared that 2016-17 registrations numbers were up to 107,972, with total receipts of \$5,093,465. Payments to snowmobile clubs this season will be \$4,046,000, which is based on the previous year's receipts as usual. Total miles of snowmobile trails in the state are approximately 10,397 miles.

New legislation goes into effect on January 1, 2018 that puts an additional \$5/ snowmobile registration in the snowmobile fund, increases aid to snowmobile law enforcement, changes the language defining a snowmobile by adding the word "originally," and changes the fine structure for violations. More information on the details of that law change is available on the NYS Snowmobile Association's website at <http://nysnowmobiler.com/2017/10/improved-registration-law-approved/>.

The Parks Snowmobile Unit also released its 2016-17 accident report, available at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/documents/SnowmobileAccidentSummary20162017.pdf>. Fatalities were up last year, totaling 24, with 10 related to ice. The report contains detailed analysis of the particulars of each accident. All riders are encouraged to complete a NYS snowmobile safety course. There is also a signage handbook available at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/documents/2017NYSSnowmobileSignHandbook.pdf>.

Jim Rolf from the NYS Snowmobile Association spoke briefly about the importance of snowmobiling to the state's economy, and emphasized the importance of respecting landowner's rights. The two primary complaints from landowners are trespass, both in season with snowmobiles and off season with ATVs, as well as loud pipes.

Town of Redfield Justice Dory Dumas shared information about the 86 snowmobile tickets that were issued in the town last season. Of the tickets issued, 40 were related to exhaust, 20 to reflective materials, 19 registration violations, 5 with no insurance, and one with no helmet.

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## Tug Hill Locations in 2018 Calendar

Fulton Savings Bank has once again featured Tug Hill locations in their free calendar, and this year is The Falling Waters of Central New York. January 2018 spotlights the Salmon River Falls in Orwell, and November 2018 shows the falls in Parish.

The Fulton Savings Bank calendars can be found at Fulton Savings Bank branch offices. Their Tug Hill region offices are located in Central Square and Constantia. They can be found on the internet at [www.fultonsavings.com](http://www.fultonsavings.com).