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Upcoming Planning and Zoning Board Training Sessions September 29 and October 1

The Tug Hill Commission is hosting two training sessions for planning and zoning board members, to help them meet their annual four hour training requirement.

Commission planning director Matt Johnson will deliver a training session entitled ***“Evaluating and Amending Your Zoning Law”*** on Tuesday, September 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lowville Town Hall, 5535 Bostwick Street, Lowville 13367. This presentation will explore reasons you may want or need to update your zoning law and cover the statutory process for doing so. Is your law lacking standards for newer land uses? Is it out of sync with your comprehensive plan? Are parts of it 'un-enforceable'? We will discuss these and other issues. We will also detail the proper procedure for adoption in regard to public hearings, SEQR compliance, and county planning review. Register at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iZnAZ4fQSsaWyzLnP2bE4A or at www.tughill.org.

Attorneys Jim Burrows and Dave Geurtsen from Conboy Law Firm will be presenting ***“ZBA Basics”*** on Tuesday, October 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West Carthage Community Room, 61 High Street, West Carthage, NY 13619. The course will increase understanding of the powers and duties of the zoning board of appeals, basic zoning concepts and functions, and statutory requirements that zoning boards of appeals must consider before granting use and area variances. Register at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E-w57N3JTCe5olrMcQDmBA or at www.tughill.org.

In-person attendance for both sessions will be limited to the first 23 registrants, and all attendees will be required to socially distance, wear a mask, and answer questions about health and travel. Hand sanitizer will be available, and no walk-ins will be allowed. The training session will also be viewable live via Zoom. When registering, please pay special attention to the question regarding how you plan to attend.

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Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.