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Local Regulation Adoption Process Webinar April 15

Watertown, NY - The Tug Hill Commission will present a webinar on “Local Regulation: Enactment Procedure” on Thursday, April 15, at 12:00 p.m. This session, led by Chris Eastman and Patricia Burke of the New York State Department of State, will address the process a municipality must go through to adopt a resolution, ordinance or local law, as well as the merits of using each procedure. Topics will include notice provisions and posting; aging of legislation prior to action; required hearings; and required referrals. Compliance with State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and post-adoption procedures will round out the discussion.

Register at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mcmcho1_Qg2bf8-mYNibBQ

Christopher Eastman is manager of the Local Government Training program at the New York Department of State. He received a master’s degree in regional planning from the State University of New York at Albany in 2002. The focus of his study included site-value taxation, an alternative approach to property taxation in which land is taxed at a rate greater than the buildings on it in infill areas to provide incentive for development. In addition to having been both a city planner and a county planner, Mr. Eastman has worked for the Preservation League of New York State and, on his own, restoring old windows.

Patricia Burke is a Local Government Specialist with the New York State Department of State. Prior to her service at the Department of State, she worked at the New York State Office of Real Property Services. Ms. Burke holds a master’s degree in Regional Planning from the State University of New York at Albany, with an environmental concentration that studied wind turbine planning considerations, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Prior to her public service, she was an editor for a national legal publishing firm.

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