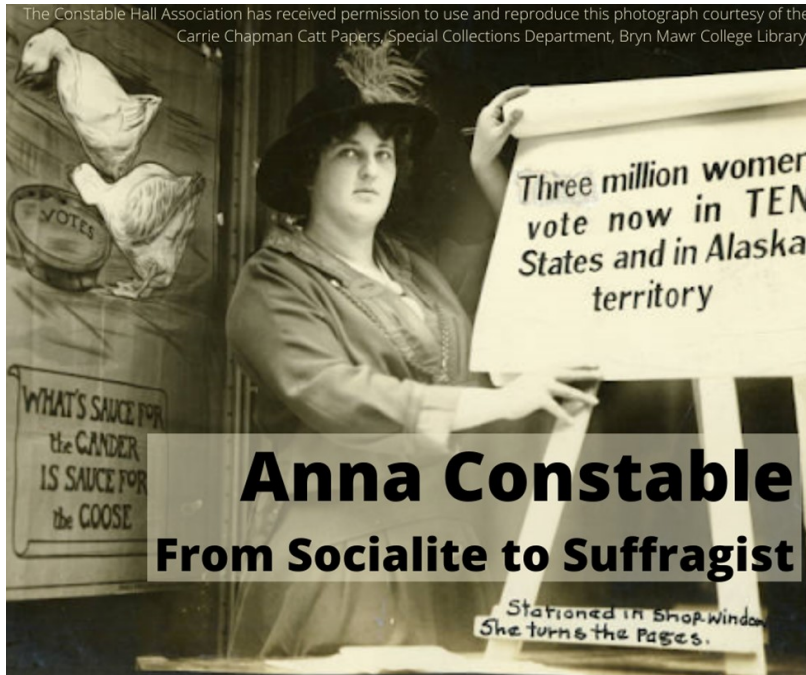


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Anna Constable From Socialite to Suffragist

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The Constable Chronicles Continue!

The first, “*Anna Constable: From Socialite to Suffragist*,” will be held on **Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** [Click here to register](#). Andrew Reid, educator and Constable Hall Association board member, will deliver his presentation about the life of Anna Constable from her family's connection to Constable Hall, her years in the upper circles of New York City social life, and her development into an influential suffragist in the United States during the final push for equal voting rights for women. The Lewis County Historical Society published Mr. Reid's article about Anna Constable about a year ago and we look forward to hearing all about her and her contribution to our state and country.

A second webinar, “*William Constable Sr: Spirit of the North Country*” will be held **Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Narrated by Peter Hayes and Martha Constable Murray, the webinar will tell the story of William Constable “the land purchaser.” [Click here to register](#).

Resumes Due to Commission by October 22

The commission is excited to announce that we are advertising for three vacancies. Full job descriptions can be found on our website at www.tughill.org/jobopenings.

The Associate Director of Community & Regional Projects will serve as part of the commission's management team. The successful candidate will report to the executive director and oversee several staff in the areas of natural resources, community development, GIS and community outreach.

An entry level Projects Specialist will provide assistance to local governments and regional organizations in the rural Tug Hill region in the areas of natural resources, community development, and general technical assistance.

An entry level Planner will provide assistance to local governments in the rural Tug Hill region in the areas of land use planning, local law development and revision, and general technical support to planning boards and other involved municipal boards.

Commission Staff Outing to Mexico, Williamstown

Building on the connections made through the commission's [Underground Railroad series](#) of webinars from earlier this year, staff toured the [Starr Clark Tin Shop](#) in Mexico this week. Volunteers Jim Hotchkiss and Allie Proud shared stories and showed artifacts in the museum, which is a well-documented stop on the Underground Railroad and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the tour, staff enjoyed the [Oswego County Nature Park at Camp Zerbe](#). Thanks so much to both facilities for welcoming the Tug Hill Commission!



Volunteers Jim Hotchkiss and Anna Proud inside the Starr Clark Tin Shop.



Staff selfie at Camp Zerbe. Left to right: Katie Malinowski, Alaina Mallette, Jen Harvill, Matt Johnson, Mickey Dietrich, Paul Baxter, John Healt.

The Local Government Education Committee of Herkimer & Oneida Counties and the New York State Department of State present:

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CTHC Fall Meeting Held

On Thursday September 30, the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) held their annual fall meeting at Kevin's Tug Hill Hideaway in West Leyden. Fourteen of the 21 CTHC towns and villages were present, along with several members of the Tug Hill Commission, commission staff and several other guests, for a total of 33 people.

CTHC members approved a summary of the spring meeting's business that was conducted remotely and reviewed the most recent available financial report. Chairman Roger Tibbetts presented the proposed 2022 budget which showed some shifts in budget categories but kept overall spending at the 2021 level. He also gave a budget projection with dues able to remain at current levels for several years. The proposed budget was approved by the Council.

Following budget approval, the Tug Hill Commission was scheduled to do a presentation on "Broadband Surveys and Investments in the Region", but technical issues prevented the presentation from being given. The link to the video presentation is [HERE](#). Commission Executive Director Katie Malinowski also updated the Council on current job openings, several upcoming training opportunities and events, and about the ongoing work and a possible new strategy for minimum maintenance roads.

New Associate Circuit Rider Karleigh Stuckey was introduced to all as she attended the first full Council meeting since her contract was approved. Kay Chapman, long-time Associate Circuit Rider was able to attend as the Council's guest for a long-delayed presentation of a gift and certificate of appreciation for her many years of dedicated service.

Finally, the proposed membership for the village of Adams joining the Council was discussed. The village had locally approved to join earlier this year and the CTHC circuit riders have been covering their meetings on a provisional basis pending approval by the full Council. The members voted with unanimous approval of the attendees to allow the village to join their ranks, bringing the number of municipalities in the CTHC to 22.

Navigating Solar Lease Agreements and the Solar Development Process: A Program for NY Farmers and Rural Landowners

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with optional 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Q&A session (separate Zoom link for this will be provided).

Location: In person Front Classroom Extension Learning Farm, Canton (limited spaces available) or online via Zoom.

Registration: pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=solarlease_240 or call Erin at 315-379-9192.

Fee: Event is free of charge, and lunch is on-your-own from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

You have the opportunity to lease your farmland to a solar energy company! It sounds like a sweet deal, and you are interested, but you are not sure just how it works. Join CCE of St. Lawrence County in-person or virtually, for farmers and rural landowners to get answers to solar leasing questions. This program will feature presentations by industry experts to help you navigate the solar development process, make informed decisions, and negotiate solar lease agreements. Please indicate your preference in person or online via Zoom attendance when you register.

Meeting Agenda

9:30-10:15 a.m.: *Understanding the Solar Development Process and What Solar Companies are Looking For* - with Loren Pruskowski, farmer and solar industry representative, Ecolegacy Values

10:15-11:00 a.m.: *Understanding Solar Lease Agreements and Tips for Negotiating a Contract* - with Scott Kurkoski, Attorney, Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, LLP

11:00-11:30 a.m.: *Q&A with Morning Presenters*

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: *Break.*

12:30-1:30 p.m.: *How Municipal Regulations Affect Solar Development Opportunities at the Local Level* - with Jeffrey Kehoe, NYS Department of Ag and Markets

1:30-2:30 p.m.: *Q&A with Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of the St. Lawrence County Planning Department*

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Renewable energy projects, particularly solar, are being sited across the Tug Hill region and New York State at an increasing pace. Dylan Harris, attorney with Lewis & Greer, will present to local municipal board members and others interested in understanding how Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements work in relation to renewable energy projects. An overview of the state's new valuation method for renewable energy projects will also be covered.

ARPA Webinar October 19, Noon

Sarah Brancatella, Legislative Director and Counsel for the Association of Towns, will present “The American Rescue Plan Act: What Your Board Needs to Know” on **Tuesday, October 19 from Noon to 1 p.m.** This webinar will provide an overview of the act, information on how funding can be used and what reporting is required. Recommended background material to review before hand is available on the Association of Towns website [here](#). Register at www.tinyurl.com/tughillarpa, or on our website at tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/.

Agriculture and Lewis County Webinar October 26

The Tug Hill Commission is pleased to bring you the webinar “Agriculture and the Lewis County Experience” on **Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm.** [Click here to register](#). The history of the Tug Hill region and its economic successes are strongly tied to its natural resources. From subsistence farming to today’s high-tech practices, agriculture has been a key part of that history. This presentation will share some of the unique history, current happenings, and future opportunities for agriculture in the region.

Comprehensive Planning Training October 28 In-Person Option

An in-person option has been added to the planned *Comprehensive Planning* on Thursday, October 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Attendees who would prefer to participate in-person can join in Classroom 1 at the Lewis County Jefferson Community College Education Center, located at 7395 East Road, Lowville. Masks will be required and seats will be spaced out.** Those who would like to join virtually still need to register at tinyurl.com/compplanwithmatt. This training will highlight the ins and outs of creating a comprehensive plan for your community. What is a ‘comp plan’? Why do one? How do you do it? How do you use it when it is done? These questions and others will be answered as we detail the process of planning for your community’s future. A certificate of attendance will be emailed to all who attend.

Land Protection Manager Job Opening at THTLT

The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is currently searching for a Land Protection Manager, who is responsible for conservation easement stewardship and administration, assisting in conservation easement and fee land acquisition, national accreditation compliance, maintaining GIS database, and grant compliance. Applications are due by October 15. Full job announcement available [here](#).

Six Town Community Fund Accepting Grant Proposals

The Six Town Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation will award up to \$7,500 in grant funding this year to nonprofit organizations serving the southern Jefferson County region. Eligible organizations must actively serve the towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth. Requests may focus on assisting with local needs related to health and wellness, families and youth, arts and culture, history, education and more.

This geographic fund provides support to local programs, projects, and initiatives that enhance the quality of life in the Six Town area. Applications are due by **Friday, November 5, 2021**, through the Community Foundation’s online Grant Lifecycle Manager, which may be accessed at nnycf.org/grants. Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) classification are eligible and invited to apply.

Last year, the fund provided \$1,000 in grant support to the Historical Association of South Jefferson to help with the final phase of renovations to its Six town Meeting house, and a \$1,000 grant to the Adams Center Free Library to help complete an interior lighting project.

Contact Max DelSignore, Community Foundation assistant director, 315-782-7110, or max@nnycf.org to learn more.

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