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Newly Elected Officials Training Webinar December 15

Watertown, NY – Experts from the Association of Towns of the State of New York will lead a webinar for newly elected local officials on Wednesday, December 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., which will also include a question-and-answer period. This free training opportunity is designed to help prepare newly elected officials for their new roles. Topics to be covered will include conflicts of interest, code of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles, oath of office, and preparing for your first meeting. Register at tinyurl.com/tughillnew.

This webinar is sponsored by the NYS Tug Hill Commission and the region's five councils of governments: the Cooperative Tug Hill Council, Northern Oneida County Council of Governments, River Area Council of Governments, North Shore Council of Governments and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments.

Sarah Brancatella is counsel and legislative director with the Association of Towns of the State of New York (AOT). There she coordinates AOT's legislative advocacy, regularly presents on new legislation and other areas of interest to towns, manages AOT's amicus brief program, and works on member inquiries. Sarah is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo and the University at Buffalo School of Law.

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