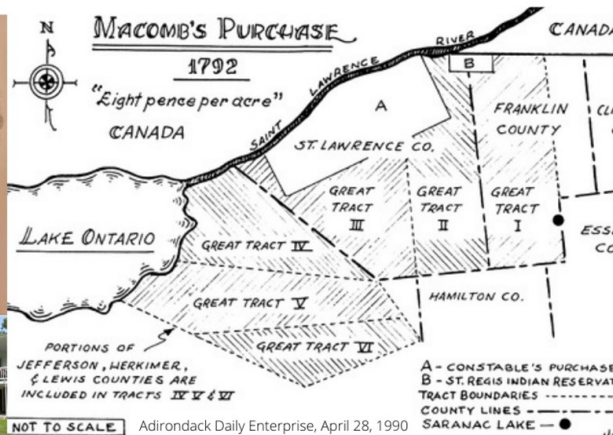
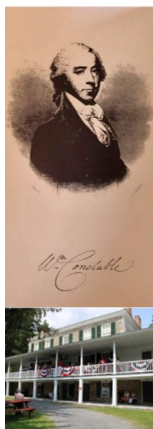


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William Constable Webinar December 7

Join Martha Constable Murray and Peter Hayes for "William Constable, Spirit of the North Country," on December 7 at 7 p.m. [Click here to pre-register](#). At one time, William Constable owned most of the North Country, yet never visited it – he hangs over our early history like a ghost. Almost every person involved in the original development connects to him in some way. Join us to learn how he and his interesting wife set in motion our community - and how his spirit of adventure was picked up by the next generation.

William Constable "Spirit of the North Country"



The Constable Chronicles Continue!

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Tug Hill Commission to Meet December 13

The commission's next board meeting will be held Monday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Access information is us02web.zoom.us/j/84975868282 or dial 929-205-6099, meeting ID 849 7586 8282.

Upcoming Historical Programs at the Oneida County History Center

The Oneida County History Center is a great resource for anyone interested in the history of Oneida County. It was founded in 1876 and has been collecting, preserving, and sharing history ever since. Services offered by the history center include a research library, a gallery, exhibits, a bookstore, and weekly programs that feature authors, historians, and other guests. For more information, visit [About \(oneidacountyhistory.org\)](http://About.oneidacountyhistory.org).

History Center staff have put together interesting programs over this upcoming winter that might be of interest to Tug Hill residents. The first is **Charles Finney & George Gale: The Westerville Connection** on January 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., which highlights the abolition movement in Oneida County and connects well with the Underground Railroad Webinar Series that the commission hosted this year (watch on the commission's YouTube channel [here](#)). The second is **Eight-Foot Drifts! Snowplowing in Oneida County in the 1930s and 1940s** with Ernest Porter on January 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Ernest Porter is the son of Leigh Porter who recently shared his knowledge of the logging practices on the Moose River plains in the early 1900s, which you can watch [here](#). Ernest will be sharing Leigh's home movies of Linn Tractors and plowing some of the great snowstorms of the 20th century. Attendees can participate in either topic in person at the history center or virtually via Zoom. To register via Zoom, click on the "register here" hyperlinks below.

- *Charles Finney and George Gale: The Westerville Connection*, [register here](#); and
- *Eight-Foot Snow Drifts: Snow Plowing in Oneida County in the 1930s & 1940s*, [register here](#).



Venerable Folks of Tug Hill Exhibit

Prospect Free Library
November 20th- December 10th

Viewing Hours:

Monday/Tuesday: 3-7pm

Wednesday: 10am-12pm & 2-7pm

Thursday: 3-7pm

Friday: 2-4pm

Saturday- 10am-12pm

Venerable Folks Display On The Move

As can be seen above, the Venerable Folks of Tug Hill display is currently at the Prospect Free Library. On December 14, the display and paintings will be relocated to the Remsen Library through the end of the year. The display will then tentatively be moved to the Jervis Public Library in Rome for January.

We are looking for additional display locations in 2022. Please contact Katie Malinowski at katie@tughill.org if you have an idea of a good display site.

Technical Assistance Available for Communities to Develop Drinking Water Source Protection Programs

The New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently announced that technical assistance is available to communities that apply to develop and initiate implementation of the [drinking water source protection program \(DWSP2\)](#). DWSP2 is open to community public water suppliers in New York State and all are invited to [submit an application](#). The full announcement can be found [here](#).



Newly Elected Officials Training

ONLINE ONLY

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Register at tinyurl.com/tughillnew

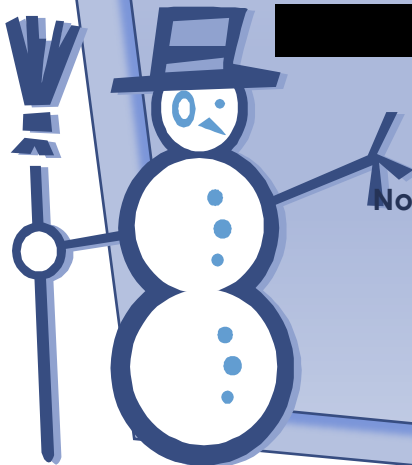
Presentations will be made by Sarah Brancatella and Lori Mithen-Demasi from
the Association of Towns of the State of New York



Topics to be covered 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. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers!

FREE Workshop Sponsored By:

NYS Tug Hill Commission
Cooperative Tug Hill Council
Northern Oneida County Council of Governments
River Area Council of Governments
North Shore Council of Governments
Salmon Rivers Council of Governments



Out-out Deadline Approaches for Cannabis Dispensaries and Facilities

December 31, 2021, is the last opportunity for communities to opt-out of cannabis retail dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption facilities. If your community has not done so, now is the time to pass your local law to opt-out of cannabis dispensaries or facilities before it is too late. Information on the detailed opt-out procedure is available from commission staff. NYS Association of Towns recommends holding some public hearings or roundtables if you want to hear how the public feels about the issue and what the likelihood would be of a petition being submitted, since the town or village does NOT have the right to hold a permissive referendum of their own initiative. In other words, the only way a permissive referendum happens is if the petition with the appropriate number of signatures is submitted within 45 days of local law adoption.

Regarding timelines, if the local law is adopted prior to December 31, 2021, the town or village followed proper procedure. The 45-day clock that starts after adoption can run into 2022, but the law (step 1 above) must be passed before the end of this year. The commission recommends watching: [The New Cannabis Law: Considerations for Towns and Villages - YouTube](#) on our YouTube channel, in which the NYS Association of Towns and the NY Conference of Mayors put together useful information regarding the new cannabis law. Lastly, if you are interested in what other communities have done with regards to cannabis, review the [Adult-Use Municipality Opt-In/Opt-Out - Google My Maps](#), which provides a useful visual of where other communities fall on the cannabis spectrum. There is similar information at this link: <https://rockinst.org/issue-areas/state-local-government/municipal-opt-out-tracker/>.

Amboy to Hear Public Comments on Cannabis Opt-Out Law and Zoning Amendments

Over the past few months, the commission has been working with the town of Amboy to provide guidance on opting out of cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption facilities. The town of Amboy planning board and town board have also reviewed zoning amendments that reflect the community's desire to regulate solar energy, wind energy, and battery energy storage systems. The town board will hear public comments on both proposals on December 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall located at 822 State Route 69. If your community is interested in some planning assistance, please reach out to Matt Johnson, Director of Planning (matt@tughill.org); Alaina Mallette, Planner (alaina@tughill.org); or your circuit rider.

“Regulating Short-Term Rentals” Issue Paper Under Review

The Tug Hill Commission has a long list of issue and technical papers that are revised as necessary, can be seen on our website: [Technical & Issue Papers – NEW YORK STATE \(tughill.org\)](#). As emerging issues arise in communities in the region, commission staff begin researching the issue and prepare papers that use plain language to communicate often complex issues. The commission will be releasing a new issue paper early in 2022 titled “Regulating Short-Term Rentals,” in which lessons learned from other places, current New York State case law findings, and possible land use regulations and administration will all be highlighted. A template local law will be provided as an appendix of the issue paper.

Vienna Comprehensive Plan Update in Progress

The town of Vienna will hold a public hearing Wednesday, December 15 on an updated comprehensive plan. The plan, developed by a committee made up of planning board members, town board members and other representatives from the community, is intended to prioritize capital investments and provide direction for future development within the community. The plan provides a framework for the existing zoning and land subdivision controls and will help assure that growth will be in accordance with existing plans for future water, sewer, and road development.



Department of State

Division of Local Government Services

2021-2022 Winter Webinar Series

When:

December 2021 and January 2022

Where:

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

Courses:

Minute Taking & Other Essential Duties for Board Clerks and Secretaries, Enforcement of Zoning and Other Local Laws, Planning Board Overview, Zoning Board of Appeals Overview

Who:

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

More Training Information:

<https://dos.ny.gov/training-assistance>

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 7, 2021

Minute Taking & Other
Essential Duties for Board
Clerks and Secretaries
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
1.5 hours training credit

December 14, 2021

Enforcement of Zoning and
Other Local Laws
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
2 hours training credit

January 4, 2022

Planning Board Overview
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
2 hours training credit

January 11, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals
Overview
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
2 hours training credit

CTHC Searches for New Associate Circuit Rider

Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) Associate Circuit Rider Karleigh Stuckey will be ending her contract in January 2022. CTHC wishes Karleigh well in her future endeavors. CTHC is now looking for a highly motivated individual interested in local government to contract on a part-time basis providing technical assistance to Tug Hill area communities. The person must be a self-starter and expect to attend evening meetings with some daytime follow-up.

The municipalities currently covered by the contractor include the regular board meetings for Adams, Lorraine, Rodman, and Worth in Jefferson County and Harrisburg, Pinckney, and Montague in Lewis County, although this is subject to change.

A draft contract and qualifications can be found at www.tughillcouncil.com. Send resumes/ references to Angie Kimball, P. O. Box 34, Redfield, NY 13437 or angie@tughill.org by 12/31/2021.

Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in the position.

Wildlife Management Areas Regulations Change Soon

Effective January 1, 2022, new regulations will apply to public use of state Wildlife Management Areas. These are the first updates to Wildlife Management Areas in over 25 years. These regulations generally include restrictions on motor vehicles and some motorized equipment; restrictions on discharge of firearms; restrictions of the use of boats to electric or non-powered boats; requirements that dogs be kept on a leash and under control (with certain exceptions when hunting or training); and measures to prevent introduction of aquatic invasive species.

Wildlife Management Areas (www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7768.html) in the Tug Hill region:

Three Mile Bay -- www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/70681.html

Happy Valley -- www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/68691.html and

Little John -- www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/68724.html

Tug Hill: -- www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/30370.html

For more information, see the NYSDEC press release at www.dec.ny.gov/press/124113.html.

Oneida County Youth Bureau Seeks Funding Applications for 2022 Programming

The Oneida County Youth Bureau is accepting proposals from interested non-profit organizations and cities, towns, and villages that would like the opportunity to provide youth-oriented programs that offer delinquency prevention, recreation, and positive youth development opportunities during 2022. The youth bureau allocates revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the ways that best meet the local need. This program allows agencies and municipalities to seek funding for new and existing programs.

Two categories of funding are available: Youth Development Program (YDP) funding for non-profit agencies and cities, towns, and villages that operate a youth development program that provides direct services to youth. The state will reimburse for qualified expenditures, subject to available appropriations and exclusive of federal funding. Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) funding for non-profit agencies that provide crisis and transitional living services. A 40% agency match is required.

Programs must meet guidelines established by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to be funded are available online at www.ocgov.net/youth. Questions and support should be directed to Karen Pensero-Shanley of the Youth Bureau at 315-798-5027. Proposals should be sent by email to kpensero-shanley@ocgov.net by close of business on December 29, 2021.

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