



Council News

The Newsletter of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council

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Council Holds Annual Meeting in Glenfield



The Cooperative Council held its annual meeting on October 1, 2002 at the Central Hotel in Glenfield. Officers were elected for 2003. They are: Roger Tibbetts, chairman; Bernard Metott, vice chairman; Howard Leitner, secretary; and directors, Doug Dietrich, Gene Norrs, Bruce Snyder and J. Hugh Quinn. The council representatives also approved the budget and goals for 2003. After an excellent buffet dinner, those present were given a presentation on the GIS 'starter kit' offered by the Tug Hill Commission and the new Cooperative Council website. Thanks to Mickey Dietrich and Jean Waterbury of Commission staff for those presentations.

New Website Launched

Jean Waterbury of Tug Hill Commission staff has been working diligently on getting our council website up and running. At this writing, the website can be accessed at www.tughillcouncil.com. Check it out and see how you like it. Lots of information about us and our member communities is available there. Speaking of our member communities, we're offering all our member towns the option of having a 'home page' on the website. This would be free of charge to your town and could list contact information regarding the clerk, supervisor, town board members, meeting time and place, etc. plus a short historical bio about your community. Contact your circuit rider, Jane, Betty or Jeanne, for information and some ideas as to how to set up 'your page.'

Local Government Conference Set for 2003

Check your mailbox in early January for the first informational mailing regarding the upcoming Local Government Conference. The conference is set for **Thursday, March 27, 2003** at Jefferson Community College. The conference is a bit earlier than usual this year due to JCC vacation time. Educational 'tracks' are being finalized this month and will be included in the mailing. Check date of early registration deadline and save yourself some money. We hope to see you there.



Tug Hill Commissioners Elect Officers



At its meeting on November 19th, the Tug Hill Commission elected Arnie Talgo of Steuben as their new chairman and Mike Yerdon of Redfield as vice chairman. Anne Schuler from the town of Annsville will serve as secretary. Tim LeVan is stepping down in order to devote more time to his position on Senator Meier's staff. Best wishes, Tim, and thanks for your time and devotion to the chairmanship these past years. Tim and former Vice Chair Leona Chereshnoski will stay on as Commission members.

Harrisburg and Montague Undertake Town Barn/Hall Renovations

Ribbon cutting for the new Harrisburg town building was conducted on Monday, October 21, 2002. Montague has not held an 'official grand opening' yet but they are in the newly renovated building and enjoying their new office and garage space. Congratulations to both communities. We can add their names to the growing list of CTHC towns that have built new or renovated existing town buildings.

Do You Have Training Needs or Ideas for Us?

One of the most important functions of the circuit rider is identifying issues that present problems for our communities. We try to schedule training at the Local Government Conference that will benefit everyone but that sometimes does not address problems in one particular community. We have a high turnover in local government officials in our region with new people coming on board every year. Let us know if you have individual needs that we can address with a workshop in your area.

East Branch of Fish Creek Project Moves Ahead

The Nature Conservancy, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Tug Hill Tomorrow, the Tug Hill Commission and the East Branch of Fish Creek Working Group are moving ahead with plans to develop the recreation plan for the property. The first public comment and informational meeting was held on December 12 at the Hotel Parquet in Constableville. Of the 100 people gathered for the meeting most felt it was the best information they had received so far on the complicated project and where it was heading. A second meeting will be held in early summer to update those interested in the plan and its progress. If you are unable to attend these meetings and have concerns, let your circuit rider know and they will pass them along to the group.



*Merry Christmas and a
Very Happy New Year to All !!*







