



December 4, 2018 - RACOG Report

Fort Drum Presenters – AmandaLee Clement (Employment Readiness Program), Brian Jackson (DVOP Department of Labor), and Lorrie Guler (SFL-TAP)

New York Power Authority – Jessica Waldorf is willing to speak to the group about the LED street lighting.

Infogroup – A representative from Infogroup contacted me about maybe presenting or doing a webinar to the RACOG board about their high level business and demographic data. They mentioned the data can be used to help with economic development. It is a one-time fee to purchase data for the year.

Carthage Monument – Met with Craig Brennan, who was part of the effort to restore the statue in 2003. There are some funding sources out there for non-for-profits. Currently, looking to partner with a non-for-profit organization and form a committee. Mr. Benjamin Azah, a retired Fort Drum soldier has expressed interest in being a part of that effort. He is currently a ZBA and housing authority member for West Carthage.

RACOG Website Statistics – 1,855 Users and 5,452 Page Views - The highest number of page views for a month was August 2018. There were 785 page views and this correlated with the article Elaine Avallone did on the Black River mapping project.

LED Lighting – Copies of National Grid bills for participating communities are being provided to the NY Power Authority and Smart Watt for LED street light conversion analysis for the group. Currently we have the following participating communities, the towns of Champion, Wilna, and villages of Carthage, Deferiet, Lowville, and West Carthage. Village of Copenhagen is also interested.

Internships – The Tug Hill Commission currently has an intern through the Jefferson County Workplace until end of December, his name is Samuel Crews. Also, Issac Widrick, a recent graduate from the North Country Community College is volunteering to help with the Champion comprehensive plan cover and the RACOG brochure. There will also be two Monroe Community College remote interns working with the Tug Hill Commission starting at the end of January or early February.

RACOG Resource Management Plan – The two remote interns from Monroe Community College will be working on this as part of their class project. Assistance will be given by the Tug Hill Commission.

Lowville RACOG Email – The highway department is looking to utilize the RACOG email service.

NY Alerts Update – Training is still needed for the towns of Denmark, Lowville, and Wilna.

Grant & Training Calendar – The Tug Hill Commission staff is now keeping the calendar updated.

ACTION ITEMS

Brochure – Issac Widrick has been working on the RACOG brochure and there are a couple of drafts to look at by the board and give feedback on. Issac volunteers to come in on Thursdays to work on the brochure.

Action Needed: *Feedback*

LED Lighting – Those interested in taking a tour, we need to setup days and times that would work for the group to go visit Gananoque, Ontario. Their DPW Manager is willing to meet with the group. Looking at meeting with DPW Manager at 3:30pm, followed by a street light tour. We will plan on eating dinner over there. **Action Needed:** *Consensus on date and times that will work for those interested in participating.*

Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey – The Tug Hill Commission is looking to do the survey in 2019 through JCC. One was done back in 2009, so this will be a 10 year snapshot. Each COG area is looked at in the survey. If a COG would like to have a breakout report for just their COG, that can be done.

Action Needed: *If RACOG would like to help contribute to this effort, and if so, how much they would like to contribute toward it.*