



## February 17, 2021 - RACOG Report

**Presenters:** Black River Trail - Kristopher Reff, NYS Department of Transportation, Barton & Loguidice

**LED Lighting** – Jefferson and Lewis County approved to adopt their shared service plans with the LED lighting included in them. Those communities proceeding with NYPA are the towns of Adams, Denmark, Martinsburg, Wilna, and villages of Adams, Carthage, Copenhagen, Croghan, Deferiet, Lowville, Lyons Falls, Sackets Harbor, and West Carthage. The town of Champion and village of Castorland have approved to move forward with National Grid. Lewis County is starting to lead a second group of communities in switching out their LED street lighting and will take in other communities from outside Lewis County.

**Walkable Communities (Complete Streets)** – The Howard G. Sackett Technical Center has started work on the bike racks for Copenhagen and I recently did a site visit to see them. Still waiting to hear back from the Watertown campus.

**Monroe Community College Remote Internship** – There is a student that is starting to work with me on making some updates to the RACOG brochure.

**Fort Drum Internships** – We will be having a soldier starting an internship on March 15, 2021. This soldier is looking for project management experience and/or urban planning experience. There is also a soldier interested in starting in September 2021.

**Websites** – Working on the town of Wilna website. Currently, the towns of Champion, Lowville, and villages of Castorland, Copenhagen, and Deferiet currently utilize the RACOG website service. Also, a comprehensive plan web page was setup for the Lowville comp plan. [www.lowville.racog.org/compplan2021](http://www.lowville.racog.org/compplan2021)

**Membership** – The village of Lowville has joined RACOG.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Update the IMA** – Need to update the IMA to include the village of Lowville.

*Action Needed: Resolution from the board.*

**Update the Bylaws** – Need to update the bylaws with ten members now. Also, does the board want to update bylaws so each community gets one vote or leave it where each representative gets a vote?

*Action Needed: Resolution from the board.*

**Associate Circuit Rider** – Discussion on whether this is something RACOG is interested in.

*Action Needed: Feedback from the board.*

**Future Presenters, Speakers, Issues, and Projects** – For open discussion, but what would the board like me to focus on for this year? Are there any regional issues or projects that need attention? Here is a list of some potential presenters/speakers:

- US Border Patrol – About what you need to know for foreign companies setting up their business in your community and what they will need.
- Ronald Trottier, Railroad Developer – Update on the status of the pedal cars and scenic railroad.
- Jefferson & Lewis County IDAs
- Jefferson & Lewis County Planning Departments
- Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce & Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
- Bridges Out of Poverty

**Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*