



## January 20, 2021 - RACOG Report

**Presenters:** Joseph Plummer, Jefferson County Emergency Management & Robert Mackenzie, Lewis County Emergency Management

**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.

**Zoom Meetings** – From April to December, there were 91 Zoom meetings for member communities. The Tug Hill Commission will continue to provide this service during the pandemic.

**Walkable Communities (Complete Streets)** – The Howard G. Sackett Technical Center has started work on the bike racks for Copenhagen. I am waiting for an update from the Bohlen Technical Center on the projects they were going to be working on.

**Fort Drum Internships** – We will be having a soldier starting an internship on March 15, 2021. I have a soldier interested in starting in September 2021. I know this soldier and he would be a good addition.

**Websites** – Town of Wilna has asked me to go ahead and setup a website for them. 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 shown some interest in joining RACOG.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**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:

- Kristopher H. Reff, P.E. – WJCTC, NYS DOT – Discussion on Black River Trail.
- 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.*