

Attending:

Cleveland – Mal Davis

Constantia – Ron Sakonyi, Rip Colesante, Chuck Gilkey

NYS Tug Hill Commission – John Bartow, Executive Director

NorCOG circuit rider – Paul Baxter, Municipal Management Consultant

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

Financial - Rip Colesante made a motion, seconded by Chuck Gilkey, to **co-sponsor the 2008 NYS Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference** in the amount of \$100. All in favor.

Rip Colesante made a motion, seconded by Mal Davis, to **authorize the fiscal agent to pay the 2007 – 2008 contract with the Tug Hill Commission** upon presentation at the rate specified in the approved 2007 – 2008 contract. All in favor.

Projects and Issues – Tug Hill Commission Executive Director John Bartow presented information on the **Special Areas legislation** which a Council of Governments can designate locally. Mr. Bartow provided a history of the legislation and use of the program, and presented program guidelines and samples of maps with Special Areas designation.

Tug Hill Commission Executive Director John Bartow presented a report on the **fall 2007 meeting between the Commission and COG leaders**. This meeting is intended to complement the larger SuperCOG meeting. As a smaller meeting, it is designed to promote more interaction than the SuperCOG meeting format allows. The next SuperCOG meeting is scheduled for spring 2008.

Tug Hill Commission Executive Director John Bartow discussed the upcoming **Local Leaders survey**. The Local Leaders survey is a survey conducted once every five years to assess Commission services and programs, and to provide Tug Hill Commission communities input into Commission program priorities going forward.

Tug Hill Commission Executive Director John Bartow updated the council on the **status of the Indicators project, the proposed survey, and the Tug Hill 'listening forums' scheduled for fall 2008**.

Tug Hill Commission Executive Director John Bartow updated the council on the **status of the Low Volume Local Roads legislation**.

Municipal Management Consultant Paul Baxter circulated a **COGs comparison** which was discussed at the fall 2007 meeting between the Tug Hill Commission and COG leaders.

Officers for balance of 2007 and start of 2008: Central Square mayor Mike Dixon was elected chairman of NorCOG for 2007, and Constantia supervisor Ron Sakonyi was elected vice chairman for 2007. Mike Dixon did not run for re-election as mayor and Central Square has not designated him as a representative in their new fiscal year, and the current vice chairman, Constantia supervisor Ron Sakonyi did not win re-election and thus will not be able to continue to serve as interim chairman after December 31, 2007. Rip Colesante made a motion, seconded by Ron Sakonyi, that Mal Davis serve as chairman and Rip Colesante serve as vice chairman until NorCOG officers are elected in 2008. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.