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**NY Alerts Update** – A training video on how the public can sign up for NY Alerts is currently available on the RACOG website and the town of Champion website. So far, the villages of Carthage, Deferiet, and West Carthage have been trained. The town of Champion is scheduled for October 23, 2018.

**Website** – Almost twice a month there are new template updates. Also, I have some figures on how much the RACOG site is being used. Lowville's website will be unveiled at their board meeting on October 18, 2018. Deferiet's website is partially put together and will hopefully be ready for their next board meeting.

**Internships** – The Tug Hill Commission is still looking for potential students for next summer, deadlines are approaching. Jefferson County Workplace reached out to the Tug Hill Commission about an internship opportunity right now for the next couple of months. The person has a background in environmental science and energy at Paul Smith's College. Also, there will be one to two remote internships through Monroe Community College in February 2019. This was the same program that RACOG got Kelsey Hurley through.

**Brochure** – There is a college student who recently graduated from the North Country Community College in graphic design. He is interested in volunteering to do a brochure for RACOG.

**LED Lighting** – Paul Vesel with RealTerm Energy will be presenting tonight LED streetlight conversion. He will be showing what the numbers would look like for the village of Carthage, other participants can expect similar savings.

**Fort Drum Presenters** – AmandaLee Clement (Employment Readiness Program), Brian Jackson (DVOP Department of Labor), Lorrie Guler and Marcela Torres (SFL-TAP), and Luis Figuera (Internship Program Operation Warfighter/E2I).

**WJCTA Meeting** – Information was provided about the concerns RACOG communities had over the ability for the Wilna Champion Transportation Association to compete for funding to replace the existing shuttle bus. There were also discussions about recreational trail opportunities.

**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. The commission is looking to see if other organizations and COGs would be willing to help contribute financially toward the survey.

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

**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.