



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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**JANUARY 25, 2017**  
 SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY CENTER



Name:  Municipality:   Village  Town  City (Check One) County

Mailing Address:  (Street)  (Town/City)

Phone #:  (H) or  (W) E-mail (REQUIRED):

Board Member of: Planning Zoning or Other

I will most likely attend the following four course offerings (check only one choice per time slot).  
**Course topics and time offerings may be subject to change.** Suggested course level is noted in parentheses.

\*\*\* SEE NEW COURSE OFFERINGS FULL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS ON BACK \*\*\*

8:30-10:00 AM	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	1:30 – 2:30 PM	3:00 – 4:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Motions, Criteria and Decision-Making Guidelines CLE (3,4) <i>P,Z</i> <small>Counts as Article 78 Proof</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board Overview (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> How to Effectively Question an Applicant and Speed Up Land Use Process CLE (1,2,3,4) <input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Case Law CLE (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Neighborhood Opposition: A Case Study in Making Difficult Decisions (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Route 67 Panel Discussion: Public and Private Perspectives (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Use (and Mis-Use) of Alternate Planning and Zoning Board Members CLE (2,3,4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Solar Energy Regulations (1,2,3) <i>P,Z</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Planning Board 101 (1) <i>P</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Municipal Review of Religious Projects: Avoiding the Pitfalls CLE (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Do Actions of Planning Board and Zoning Board Members Influence Economic Development in your Community? (1,2,3) <i>P,Z</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Stormwater Treatment Benefits of Green Infrastructure (1,2,3) <i>P,Z</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Planning and Engineering Applications of Drones (2,3) <i>P</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> What are Complete Streets & What is Going on Throughout the Region? (2,3,4) <i>P</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Form Based Code: How Can it Work, How is it Working and How Should it Work? (3,4) <i>P</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW!</b> Preparing Municipalities for Renewable Energy: Is Your Town Ready to Meet the Governor's 50% Renewable Energy Mandate? CLE (2,3,4) <i>P,Z</i>

P-PLANNING Z-ZONING 1-LEVEL ONE 2-LEVEL TWO 3-LEVEL THREE 4-LEVEL FOUR CLE-CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS

**RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017**

**Advanced Registration is \$60.00 for Saratoga County Attendees**  
**Advanced Registration for Attendees from Outside Saratoga County is \$70.00**  
**All Registrations Received after January 11th are \$80.00**

**REGISTRATION IS NOT RESERVED UNTIL PAYMENT OR MUNICIPAL VOUCHER IS RECEIVED**

Questions can be directed to the planning office at 518-884-4705 Registrations sent by email, postal mail or fax at: 518-884-4780  
 E-MAIL: [mvalentine@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:mvalentine@saratogacountyny.gov)

Payment enclosed  Municipal voucher to be sent (No credit card payments accepted)

Checks should be made payable to **Saratoga County Treasurer** but mailed to the Planning Department at address noted.

**To register by mail, send registration form with payment to:**  
 Saratoga County Planning Board, Attention: Michael Valentine,  
 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE UPON EARLY REGISTRATION.** Fee includes mid morning and afternoon breaks, lunch and all training sessions.

**CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

This allows us to adjust our food order, or to offer your place to someone else if we have a waiting list. Of course, someone may substitute for you at any time. For additional parking area please visit our website, [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov) Planning Department downloads.

**CLE CREDIT**

CARTER CONBOY is the CLE sponsor of the 2017 Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference. The firm is an accredited New York State Continuing Legal Education provider and will provide and administer continuing legal education credit to attendees. CARTER CONBOY certifies that the program has been approved for up to 8.5 hours of CLE credit in the State of New York. CARTER CONBOY is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ peer rated full-service law firm committed to providing the highest quality legal representation to its clients. Founded in 1920, Carter Conboy has offices in Albany and Saratoga Springs, serving clients throughout New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New Hampshire. For additional information about the firm, visit [www.carterconboy.com](http://www.carterconboy.com) or contact the firm's Director of Marketing, Stacy A. Smith, at 518-810-0516 or [ssmith@carterconboy.com](mailto:ssmith@carterconboy.com).

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# 2017 PB & ZONING CONFERENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **NEW! Use (and misuse) of Alternate Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members**

Alternate Members enable Planning Boards and ZBAs to carry out their functions successfully when Regular Members are unavailable. This discussion will focus on proper designation and participation of Alternate Members, including potential pitfalls that should be avoided.  
*Mark Schachner, Esq., Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC*

## **NEW! Neighborhood Opposition: A Case Study in Making Difficult Decisions**

After denying an application for a gas station, learn how the Clifton Park Planning Board evaluated an application for a large church, near a residential neighborhood, in the face of strong community opposition. Making a decision with neighbor opposition is never easy. Learn about the step by step approach taken by the Clifton Park Planning Board to evaluate an application for a large church near a heavily populated and well-organized neighborhood.  
*Jaclyn S. Hakes, AICP, Director of Planning Services at MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.; John Scavo, Director Town of Clifton Park Planning; Rocky Ferraro, Town of Clifton Park Planning Board Chairman; Ed Vopelak Saratoga County Planning Board Member*

## **NEW! Route 67 Panel Discussion: Public and Private Perspectives**

NY Route 67 is a key east-west corridor in Saratoga County servicing thousands of commuters with connections to other major arterials and Interstate 87 and providing access to key facilities, such as the Curtis Industrial Park and GLOBALFOUNDRIES. It is also a designated truck route. Are you aware of the numerous traffic impact studies that have been completed within this corridor? Why didn't these studies lead to more improvements along Route 67? Come and learn more about traffic planning in this key corridor from the perspective of both public and private professionals.

*Wendy C. Holsberger, P.E., PTOE, Associate, Creighton Manning; Georges Jacquemart, P.E., AICP, Principal BfJ Planning; Kathryn Serra, P.E., CT Male; Lorinda Tennyson, P.E., NYS DOT*

## **NEW! Preparing Municipalities for Renewable Energy (CLE)**

Is your town, village or city ready to meet the governor's 50% renewable energy mandate? This comprehensive workshop will discuss the impact of the governor's mandate on upstate counties, make recommendations for updating your municipal code to address renewable energy, explore potential SEQR impacts to be evaluated once applications are made, provide suggestions for appropriate siting, and review the role of a moratorium and the proper way to enact.

*Stephanie Ferradino, Esq. Tuczinski, Gilchrist, Tingley, Cavalier & Ferradino P.C.*

## **NEW! How to Effectively Question an Applicant and Tips to Help You Speed Up the Land Use Process (CLE)**

"What is the applicant committing to? Can you rely on the information he is providing to you? Framing your questions is the key. We will review the fundamentals of effective questioning. In addition, we'll discuss the basic tools to efficient decision making and shorter meetings."

*Matt Jones, Esq. The Jones Firm*

## **NEW! Do the Actions of Planning Board and Zoning Board Members Influence Economic Development in Your Community?**

You'll get four different perspectives from panelists on how planning & zoning board members can, and do, have a huge influence on economic development in your community. Actions that can have a positive affect as well as a negative affect will be discussed.

*Jim Martin, AICP, The LA Group; Ed Bartholomew, President, CEO, Warren County EDC; Devin Dal Pos, Saratoga County Planning Board Member; Martin Vanags, President, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership*

## **NEW! Municipal Review of Religious Projects: Avoiding Pitfalls (CLE)**

Accommodating religious uses that appear before local municipal boards for SEQRA review and zoning approvals is critically important to help municipalities avoid costly and time-consuming litigation. Unique Federal and State statutes and common law apply to municipal review of religious projects. This presentation will cover those laws and discuss strategies for ensuring that the review conducted complies with the laws using actual cases to describe the pitfalls experienced by municipal boards.

*Terresa Bakner, Esq. Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP*

## **NEW! Planning and Engineering Applications of Drones**

Drones are an emerging technology which are evolving to play an integrated roll in the support of various Planning and Engineering Applications. Potential applications range from surveying and mapping, building roof and façade inspections, wetland and environmental monitoring, drainage and slope erosion surveys, forest management, traffic monitoring, and asset management. Deployment of different drone payloads such as high definition imagery, video, thermal imagery, and Lidar can be used depending on the application to yield desired results. Several applications will be highlighted along with key issues regarding drone deployment and the processing and management of data along with open discussions on current FAA regulations and future of the drones in the industry. *This presentation will qualify for a NYS ED Professional Development Hour.*

*Chris Cornwell, P.E., GPI Engineering; Casey Knapp, P.E., GPI Engineering*

## **NEW! Solar Energy Regulation**

This course addresses the authority of local governments to regulate photovoltaic solar energy systems—from modest residential and agricultural systems to large-scale institutional and commercial solar arrays and sun farms. Environmental and economic benefits and aesthetic challenges are discussed, and tools such as the New York State Unified Solar Permit are provided to allow solar arrays and regulate their impacts.

*NYS Department of State*

## **2016 Case Law Update (CLE)**

It was another dynamic year for New York courts reviewing and issuing decisions on a wide variety of land use approvals and denials. If you are looking for insight into how courts thought about and assessed local planning and zoning decisions in 2016, the Case Law Update will provide you a close look at the laws and standards applied to approvals and denials by your board. The class highlights teachable cases from across the state which aim to provide a framework of land use law useable by a planning or zoning board member in the coming year.

*M. Elizabeth "Libby" Coreno, Esq. Carter, Conboy Attorneys & Counselors at Law*

## **NEW! Motions, Criteria and Decision-Making Guidelines (CLE)**

(Counts towards Article 78 Proof) Board Members sometimes know where they want to go, but not exactly how to get there. This discussion will focus on ensuring that Planning Boards and ZBAs follow proper procedures in making their important land use decisions.

*Mark Schachner, Esq., Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner LLC*

## **NEW! Form-Based Code: How Can it Work, How is it Working, and How Should it Work**

Conventional zoning is based on a system that speaks to permitted and not-permitted uses, setback standards, and a land use tool to achieve a community's vision. Form-based code looks at the overall vision and enhances the public/private partnership opportunities, with development and redevelopment, to provide a more predictable built-environment and public space. It also allows for greater flexibility of compatible uses while integrating amenities that are shared by both the public and private realms. Learn how form-based code may work for your community, is now working for communities, and how it should work within a community's framework. Speakers will present ideas that can be incorporated into site plan and subdivision review considerations for communities that have conventional zoning codes.

*John Scavo, Director of Planning, Town of Clifton Park; Sophia Marruso, Senior Planner, Town of Malta; Katherine Ember, AICP, Principal, Planning 4 Places; Ed Kinowski, Supervisor, Town of Stillwater*

## **Zoning Board of Appeals Overview**

This introductory course to the zoning board of appeals focuses on the statutory tests boards must follow to grant use and area variances and proper handling of zoning interpretations. Meeting procedures and notice requirements will also be discussed, along with the ZBA's relationship with enforcement officials and the planning board, and the importance of making good findings.

*New York Department of State*

## **Planning Board 101**

This session will provide an introductory level overview for new planning board members as well as an experienced members looking for a refresher. Planning Board 101 will address the authority, responsibilities, and duties of local planning boards. This session will also discuss basic zoning regulations that planning board members should be familiar with along with site plan review process, special use permits, subdivision review and comprehensive planning.

*Nicole Allen, AICP and Matthew Rogers, AICP The Laberge Group*

## **NEW! What Are Complete Streets & What's Going on throughout the Region?**

Why Improving Mobility Options Benefits Everyone—Saratoga County is in many ways embracing Complete Streets and enhancing community mobility, and this is to be celebrated. But as we work to consider the needs of those who don't drive, how to allow residents to age in place, address health concerns, and provide options in daily routines, more can be done. Complete Streets improvements are one of the keys to making this happen...and it isn't just about bicycles or walkers, it is about adequately providing for all users - in the context of location. This session will provide an overview of Complete Streets, options to consider to implement Complete Streets, and a discussion of activities taking place throughout the Capital District.

*Chris Bauer, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, CDTG; Jim Levy, AICP, Principal, Planning 4 Places; Kate Maynard, Principal Planner, City of Saratoga Springs*

## **NEW! Stormwater**

The stormwater treatment benefits of green infrastructure are well-known, but there are lesser-known secondary benefits that are arguably equally important. Did you know that green infrastructure, when thoughtfully designed, has been shown to: Result in a reduction in crime rates, Improve cognitive function, Reduce aggression, Reduce possession of narcotics in nearby areas, Reduce rate of mortality, Reduce symptoms of ADD in children. This presentation will focus on the results of published studies that support these claims and what this could mean for the future of our communities as we move more and more toward green infrastructure as a means to solve our stormwater and climate issues.

*Nadine R. Medina, P.E., CPESC, LEED AP, Sr. Project Engineer, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.; Peter Loyola, P.E., CLA Site*