

# SOUTHERN TIER WEST WEBINARS 2020

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 2:00 PM**

## PLANNING BOARD BASICS

This basic course addresses the powers, duties and responsibilities of municipal planning boards and commissions. This class will cover the administrative and regulatory roles of the planning board and planning board responsibilities and procedures (such as meeting preparation, format, and structure), as well as board member conduct, ethics, and training requirements. The Board's role in the municipal comprehensive plan, SEQR, and county referrals will also be discussed along with an overview of skills for success in your role as a planning board member.

**SPEAKER: Wendy Salvati, WWS Planning**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 2:00 PM**

## ZONING: GETTING IT RIGHT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Do your zoning or other land use regulations align with the values of your community? This class will include an educational critique of zoning codes and other regulatory approaches from municipalities of all types and sizes. Through real-world examples, learn what to avoid and what to strive for in developing land use controls that achieve your vision.

**SPEAKER: John Steinmetz, Barton & LoGuidice**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 2:00 PM**

## SITE PLAN REVIEW

The Site Plan Review process is an important means of land development guidance controls; however, the process can be daunting to navigate, especially for new Planning and Zoning Board members. This presentation will provide a framework for municipalities to develop a streamlined and transparent process that can be adapted to any community. We will review what makes a strong application, procedural "do's and don'ts", and opportunities to ensure your Site Plan Review process results in the type of development that best meets your community's needs.

**SPEAKER: Jane Nicholson, MRB Group**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 10:00 AM**

## ETHICS FOR WATER & WASTEWATER PERSONNEL

As professionals in the water and wastewater fields, we are all bound by a set of written and unwritten code of ethics. In this presentation, we will have an interactive discussion about ethics, conflicts of interest, and review public perception of water and wastewater professionals. The presentation will review the NYSDOH and NYSDEC regulations for certification. The grounds for suspension and revocation will be discussed in detail.

**SPEAKER: Paul Chatfield, MRB Group**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**OCTOBER 7, 2020 2:00 PM**

**SEQR BASICS & NEW REGULATIONS**

This introduction to the State Environmental Quality Review Act includes an overview of the environmental assessment form (EAF), Type 1, Type 11, and Unlisted actions and the sequence of making a positive or negative declaration on a project's potential to have an adverse impact on the environment.

**SPEAKER: NYS Department of State**

**CREDITS EARNED: 2 HOURS**

**OCTOBER 14, 2020 2:00 PM**

**ZONING LAWS FOR SOLAR**

Learn about what types of solar projects are being proposed in rural communities; from relatively small ground mounted arrays to large Article 10 projects. Several types of local laws have been written to attempt to regulate these activities while protecting community interests. Discussion based on actual laws adopted and will ensue their impact on proposed projects.

**SPEAKER: Drew Reilly, Wendel Companies**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**OCTOBER 21, 2020 2:00 PM**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Affordable housing is a topic shrouded in misconceptions and strong biases. One thing is certain: it cannot be ignored. Public interest and case law require municipalities to address the affordable housing needs of their regions. This class examines the history and evolution of laws, policies and programs pertaining to affordable housing. Exclusionary zoning case law is highlighted, as well as the benefits of using land use tools such as inclusionary zoning regulations and accessory apartments to provide affordable housing. Strategies to preserve existing affordable housing, the process of developing affordable housing, and affordable housing design are also discussed.

**SPEAKER: NYS Department of State**

**CREDIT EARNED: 2 HOURS**

**OCTOBER 28, 2020 2:00 PM**

**LAND SURVEYS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENSURE CODE COMPLIANCE & PROTECT THE PUBLIC**

- Surveying Then and Now. What's the Difference?
- What Do Surveyors Do?
- Different Types of Surveys
- Where's My Boundaries?
- Where Are We Headed?

**SPEAKER: Steve Boddecker, Fisher Associates**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2020 2:00 PM**

**SIGN REGULATION**

Sign control isn't just a zoning issue—when regulating signage, municipalities must be careful not to violate free speech. This course reveals how signage can be regulated for aesthetics and explores the boundaries of what aspects of signage municipalities may and may not regulate, through references to case law. The course also offers tips on drafting sign regulations, which includes regulation of billboards and other off premises.

**SPEAKER: NYS Department of State**

**CREDIT EARNED: 2 HOURS**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2020 10:00 AM**

**TEAM BUILDING FOR MUNICIPAL SEWER & WATER**

Hands-on approach to helping build Teamwork and Trust within an organization. We will look at the blocks and beliefs that get in the way of effectively creating a win-win atmosphere for the entire team. This presentation will include interaction between participants and will demonstrate how trust is built slowly over time, and how trust can be taken away instantly.

**SPEAKER: Paul Chatfield, MRB Group**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

**DECEMBER 2, 2020 2:00 PM**

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS**

Running a small water system can present technical, managerial, and financial challenges for many reasons, including the fact that a small number of users are paying for all of the expenses related to the infrastructure and compliance. This session will discuss a wide variety of ways to work with other utilities to reduce the burden of operating, managing, and funding a water utility ranging from informal methods, such as information sharing and leveraging shared purchasing power to more formal methods, such as sharing personnel or having a combined management structure.

**SPEAKER: Environmental Finance Center**

**CREDIT EARNED: 1 HOUR**

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Phearsdorf  
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