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**Ethics Seminar**  
**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**  
**6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

Town of Hopkinton (St. Lawrence County)  
Town Hall  
7 Church Street  
Hopkinton, New York 12965

The Association of Towns' Associate Counsel, Sarah Brancatella, is presenting a free training seminar on ethics in the Town of Hopkinton on Tuesday, August 14th.

Can the highway superintendent appoint his nephew as deputy? Is a town board member allowed to sell property to the town? Can a planning board member also act as the bookkeeper? These kinds of questions arise frequently in local government and all fall under the general category of municipal ethics. Whether you're a seasoned town official or were recently elected or appointed, knowing and understanding municipal ethics will help maintain integrity and public confidence in town government, and also help the town avoid litigation. This seminar will review what the law says about ethics and public officials, discuss tools towns can use to address ethics issues, and explain how to analyze situations to ensure compliance with the law. Covered topics include conflicts of interest in contracts, conflicts of interest under common law, nepotism and members of the same family working for the town, when a person can hold more than one office, gifts, and what constitutes impermissible bias.

No registration is required. All municipal officials and employees are invited to attend. This course is eligible for one Certified Town Official credit in the Attorney/Legal Issues area. Please contact our office at the number above with any questions or concerns.