



## **News from Livingston County, N.Y.**

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### **Livingston County Names Holly Watson New County Historian**

**GENESE0, N.Y., May 27, 2022** — The Livingston County Board of Supervisors has named Deputy County Historian Holly Watson as the new Livingston County Historian, effective May 29. Watson succeeds Amie Alden, the County’s first full time Historian, who will retire on May 31 after 25 years of public service.

Watson begins her tenure well suited for the role, having served under Alden as the County’s Deputy Historian for the last 10 years. In that position she’s helped improve the accessibility of important historical documents, increased digital outreach, and frequently consulted with County departments and agencies on projects related to historic sites, buildings, and events. Board of Supervisors Chairman David LeFeber said Watson was the perfect candidate to continue the important work of the Historian’s office.

“With everything that’s happened over the past couple years, it’s more important than ever that we accurately document these events for future generations,” said LeFeber. “I’m excited to see what Holly accomplishes in her new role and, on behalf of the Board I wish her the best as our new County Historian.”

Watson graduated from the University of Vermont in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies and minors in anthropology and agriculture. She credits Alden with having shown her the ropes of her new position and said she couldn’t be more appreciative of her support and mentorship over the years. Among her goals as Historian, Watson intends to employ new technologies to better tell the story of Livingston County.

“I plan to take digital educational and advocacy outreach to new heights, including building on our existing STQRY Heritage Tours and utilizing social media,” she explained. “Researching and interpreting our county's history is my passion, and every day there is a new historical adventure. I look forward to serving Livingston County in my new role.”

Outside the Historian’s office, Watson can be found sampling the fare at the newest local restaurants or ordering at old favorites. She also enjoys time spent out of doors exploring and observing wildlife in places like Ossian and Sonyea State Forests and the Conesus Inlet.

For more information on the Livingston County Historian, please visit <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/162/County-Historian>.

**About Livingston County:**

Founded in 1821, Livingston County, N.Y., is comprised of more than 61,000 residents in 17 towns located across 631 square miles of the Finger Lakes region.



*Photo: Newly named Livingston County Historian Holly Watson.*

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