

## Memorandum

Date: March 10, 2016

To: Town Board

From: Ray Burger, Planning Director

Subject: Planning Department Update

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**SUPs for Tower and Repair Shop:** Verizon has applied for a Special Use Permit to place a telecommunications tower near Route 13 and Irish Settlement Road. An automotive repair garage is proposed on Cricket Lane, a residential area north of Freeville. Sketch plans will likely be introduced to the board next month.

**SPR for Major Subdivision:** There was a pre-application meeting for a major subdivision at the corner of Freese Road and Dryden Road. The proposal is for 16 small homes on this site. Site plan review will likely be before the planning board at a special meeting to be held at the Varna Community Center on Wednesday, April 27, a shift from their normal meeting night on the fourth Thursday.

**ISO Rating:** Last fall our department was surveyed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The resultant rating which is used by home insurance underwriters among others was relatively high due to the fact that NY building codes are based on the 2010 International Code. NYS is prepared to adopt the 2015 International Code this spring and ISO has agreed to await this change before publishing our class rating.

**Government Efficiency Grant:** The Center for Technology in Government at the University of Albany did a model project in the Capital Region to develop a shared regional code-enforcement information resource. They now want to bring that model to Tompkins County and we are participating in that effort.

### Planning Department activity for **TOWN** -February 2016

Building permits: 13 (2 new homes)

Zoning permits: 2

Special Use Permit Reviews: 0 (4 pending)

Site Plan Reviews: 2 (2 pending)

Fire safety inspections: 4

Building inspections: 29

New businesses: 1 (1284 Dryden Road –liquor store)

Subdivisions: 3

Violation notices: 2

Complaints: 1

Fire calls: 1

Training hours: 10

### Planning Department activity for VILLAGE - February 2016

Building permits: 4

Zoning permits: 1

Special Use Permit reviews:

Site Plan Reviews: 1 pending

Fire safety inspections: 28

Building inspections:

New businesses:

Subdivisions: 1

Violation notices: 1

Complaints: 2

Fire calls: 1