

Memorandum

Date: December 19, 2019

To: Town Board

From: Ray Burger, Planning Director

Subject: Planning Department Update

Application materials and other documents for some of the items below can be found at:

<http://dryden.ny.us/departments/planning-department/permit-review-links/>

Local Laws proposed: One proposes a moratorium on Conservation Subdivisions that use restrictive covenants to protect the open space. The other proposes amendments to the Zoning Law to extend a waiver provision to Varna districts and affect how Varna design guidelines are applied to applications. Public hearings for both of these will be held at the January 16, 2020 Town Board meeting.

Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Plant (IAWWTP) capital project: The IAWWTP received bids for the grit removal project and the bids exceeded the amount of the prior approval. The Town of Dryden is one of the three facility owners and must now consider approval of the higher project cost.

Rail Trail Bridge Crossing Route 13: Erdman Anthony and Associates, Inc. was selected for design and management of the Dryden Rail Trail Phase 2 project that includes building a bridge over Route 13. The next work to be done is to decide the project scope.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The next meeting of the Planning Board committee to update the comprehensive plan will be held on January 8 at 6 pm in the DPW building. Discussion will include the public outreach plan and stakeholder meetings.

Staffing changes in the Planning Department: Steve Cortright resigned as Code Enforcement Officer this month to accept a job elsewhere. Shelley Knickerbocker will join the Planning Department next month.

Unsafe structure at 107 Morris Road: The Town filed a lawsuit against the owner of this property since the home has become an unsafe structure. The court has yet to set a date.

Planning Department activity for TOWN -Nov 2019

Building permits: 13 (2 duplex, 1 SFH)

Zoning permits: 2

Special Use Permit Reviews: 3

Site Plan Reviews: 1

Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 1
Fire safety inspections: 0
Building inspections: 28
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 9
Subdivisions: 1
Violation notices: 5
Complaints: 2
Fire calls: 0
Training hours: 0

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE -Nov 2019

Building permits: 0
Zoning permits: 0
Special Use Permit reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 0
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 0
Building inspections: 2
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 2
Subdivisions: 0
Violation notices: 1
Complaints: 2
Fire calls: 0