

**Memorandum**

Date: April 16, 2020 (there was no report in March)

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>

**Planning Department Offices closed to the public on March 16 due to COVID-19:** Planning Department business continues with partial staffing. Code Enforcement is an essential business so Code Enforcement Officers continue to monitor construction projects and deal with code violations. Other staff are working remotely. Applications, complaints and inquiries are accepted via email ([planning@dryden.ny.us](mailto:planning@dryden.ny.us)), phone and mail.

**Comprehensive Plan Update:** The Planning Board committee working to update the comprehensive plan held a virtual meeting on March 11. Since the open houses scheduled for March 25 were cancelled, the committee is exploring ways to survey the community as a way to keep advancing this project. Please check the website [Dryden2045.org](http://Dryden2045.org) to inform yourself about this Town project and engage in the process. You can also sign up for updates or leave a comment.

**Special Use Permit (SUP) application for a business at 983 Peruville Road:** On March 19 the Town Board granted a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a martial arts school at this address.

**Dollar General Store proposed for 1408 Dryden Road:** The Broadway Group LLC submitted revised site plan materials for a retail store at this address. The Planning Board will continue their review of this project at their April 23 virtual meeting. Details for participating in this Zoom meeting will be posted on the Town website.

**Townhome development at 9 Freese Road:** An application to develop 32 townhomes at this site near the Freese and Dryden Roads intersection is on the agenda for the April 23 Planning Board Zoom meeting. The same developer is also looking to modify the site plan of the adjoining lot at 5 Freese Road. Meeting details will be posted on the Town website.

**Rail Trail project to Bridge Route 13:** The Project to build a pedestrian bridge across Route 13 at the Dryden Rail Trail is supported by a \$1.5 million federal grant and \$345,000 from the state. This month the NYS Department of Transportation gave the Town a notice to proceed with the design phase of this project.

Planning Department activity for TOWN for February & March

Building permits: 26 (3 single family homes, 1 commercial building)  
Zoning permits: 11  
Special Use Permit Reviews: 2  
Site Plan Reviews: 3  
Variance reviews: 0  
New businesses: 1  
Fire safety inspections: 11  
Building inspections: 18  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 9  
Subdivisions: 1  
Violation notices: 1  
Complaints: 2  
Fire calls: 1  
Training hours: 33

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for February & March

Building permits: 6  
Zoning permits: 3  
Special Use Permit reviews: 0  
Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 0  
New businesses: 1  
Fire safety inspections: 7  
Building inspections: 2  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 6  
Fire calls: 2