

Memorandum

Date: March 15, 2021

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/>

Send public comments to planning@dryden.ny.us with project address in the subject line.

Planning Department Offices open for window service: For the safety of all Town residents, the Planning Department will conduct business through a walk up window at Town Hall. Applications, complaints and inquiries are also accepted via email (planning@dryden.ny.us), phone and mail.

Comprehensive Plan Update progress: A Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory was drafted by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board as part of the update process. This report will be discussed by the Planning Board at a special meeting to be held in April. For information on all aspects of this project please visit the project website at Dryden2045.org where you can also sign up for updates or enter your comments.

Special Use Permit (SUP) for public utility infrastructure at 1622 Dryden Road: On February 18th the Town Board granted a SUP to FirstLight Fiber to locate an equipment shelter at this address.

Easement relocation at the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Plant (IAWWTP): An application by City Harbor to develop the land north of Cascadilla Creek directly across from the IAWWTP includes a proposal to relocate an easement that is tied to the plant. The Town, as one of the three owners of the plant, approved this at their February 18th meeting.

New Integrated Property System (IPS) software is on the way: The Planning Department is migrating to new software to maintain our database of building permits. The new system from Edmunds GovTech will also be able to track inspections, complaints and zoning activity. This gives us the ability to track all actions taken from a planning, zoning, building permit and code enforcement standpoint.

Fall Creek bank stabilization project: Last year the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) awarded the Town a Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant for \$705,635. The work is scheduled to take place this summer after obtaining a DEC permit. The Town of Dryden will conduct the environmental review under SEQRA and will begin by declaring lead agency in March. This will allow review to take place in April.

Planning Department activity for TOWN for February

Building permits: 6 (1 Single-Family Home)
Zoning permits: 3
Special Use Permit Reviews: 1
Site Plan Reviews: 0
Variance reviews: 1
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 0
Building inspections: 11
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0
Subdivisions: 1
Violation notices: 0
Complaints: 2
Fire calls: 1
Training hours: 16.5

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for February

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