

**Memorandum**

Date: May 18, 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](mailto: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](mailto:planning@dryden.ny.us)), phone and mail.

**Comprehensive Plan Update progress:** The Planning Board (steering committee for the comp plan update) has been reviewing the Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and climate action strategies that were drafted by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board as part of the update process. These will be further discussed by the Planning Board at their meeting on May 27. Initial draft materials for the comp plan update will be presented to the steering committee on June 9. With the ability to return to in-person meetings some public outreach meetings may be scheduled for the end of June. For information on all aspects of this project please visit the project website at [Dryden2045.org](http://Dryden2045.org) where you can also sign up for updates or enter your comments.

**New York State Stretch Code:** NYS drafted a building code amendment (NYS Stretch Code) that applies stricter energy standards to new construction, substantial renovations, alterations and additions. The Town Planning Board recommended adoption of this new building code. The Town Board will consider adoption of this stricter energy code at a public hearing to be held at 6:40 pm on May 20.

**Borger Compressor Station at 219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road:** A Special Use Permit (SUP) was granted to Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. on 9-17-20 with a condition that there be an annual update on operations. The new owner of Borger Station, Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc., will present this update at the Town Board meeting on June 17.

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation proposed draft TMDL for Cayuga Lake:** DEC proposed a nutrient pollution reduction to protect and restore water quality in Cayuga Lake. This draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) includes an analysis of phosphorus pollutant sources and recommends a

30% reduction of phosphorous loads to the Cayuga Lake watershed. This may affect land use within the Town since most of the Town sits within this watershed. DEC is accepting comments until July 8.

**Drinking Water Source Protection Program Plan:** A plan for Dryden has been drafted by the New York Rural Water Association and is currently being reviewed by various Town advisory boards. Comments will be compiled by the Planning Department and returned so that a final plan can be adopted this summer.

#### Planning Department activity for TOWN in April

Building permits: 18 (1 single family home)  
Zoning permits: 7  
Special Use Permit Reviews: 1  
Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 1  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 4  
Building inspections: 19  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 7  
Subdivisions: 2  
Violation notices: 3  
Complaints: 4  
Fire calls: 0  
Training hours: 16

#### Planning Department activity for VILLAGE in April

Building permits: 4  
Zoning permits: 3  
Special Use Permit reviews: 0  
Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 0  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 8  
Building inspections: 2  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 1  
Fire calls: 0