

**Memorandum**

Date: September 15, 2020

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:** The community survey ended on August 31 and 747 surveys were submitted. These results will be reviewed by the Planning Board at their October 14th meeting. Go to [Dryden2045.org](http://Dryden2045.org) to inform yourself about this Town project. You can also sign up for updates or leave a comment.

**Route 13 Corridor Study:** A public meeting held on September 3 had 89 attendees. To see a meeting summary, copy of the presentation and recording of the meeting go to:

<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/transportation-choices/rt13corridor>

where you can also respond to a new community survey on the preliminary recommendations.

**Borger Station Special Use Permit (SUP) application submitted by Dominion:** Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. submitted an application for the Borger replacement project at 219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road. They propose to replace two existing turbines with more efficient new units that will reduce toxic air emissions. The public hearing will resume at the September 17 Town Board meeting.

**Solar project at 2150 Dryden Road:** The interconnect at George Road has now been designed and the revised site plan will be the subject of a public hearing at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. The Planning Board will also review this site plan amendment at their September 24 meeting in order to make recommendations to the Town Board.

**Maifly Development Townhomes at Freese and Dryden Roads:** This proposal for 32 townhomes and 15 single family homes will be the subject of a public hearing at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Board.

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Varna’s main street:** The \$5.5 million project to repave Route 366 through the Hamlet of Varna and add a sidewalk has been delayed on the federal TIP schedule. The design phase that was scheduled for this year has now been scheduled for 2021. Construction remains scheduled for 2022.

Planning Department activity for TOWN for August

- Building permits: 30 (8 single family homes, 5 commercial buildings)
- Zoning permits: 12
- Special Use Permit Reviews: 2
- Site Plan Reviews: 1
- Variance reviews: 3
- New businesses: 4 (dollar store, artist studio, contractor, farm stand)
- Fire safety inspections: 2
- Building inspections: 33
- Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 48
- Subdivisions: 2
- Violation notices: 4
- Complaints: 9
- Fire calls: 0
- Training hours: 4

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for August

- Building permits: 9
- Zoning permits: 6
- Special Use Permit reviews: 0
- Site Plan Reviews: 0
- Variance reviews: 2
- New businesses: 0
- Fire safety inspections: 0
- Building inspections: 0
- Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0
- Subdivisions: 0
- Violation notices: 0
- Complaints: 7
- Fire calls: 1