

Memorandum

Date: January 20, 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: Public workshops will be held on the evenings of January 20th, 26th and 27th. The purpose of these meetings will be to solicit feedback on the preliminary goals and strategies that have been developed to address the community needs that were identified through public input received this past year. These meetings will be held remotely using Zoom. Details on how to join the meetings will be posted on the Town website and the project website at Dryden2045.org where you can also sign up for updates or leave a comment.

Noise ordinance: To address unreasonable noise in residential areas a draft local law is being considered. A public hearing will be resumed at the Town Board meeting on January 21. The draft law defines unreasonable noise and provides regulations.

Special Use Permit (SUP) for public utility infrastructure at 1622 Dryden Road: First Light Fiber is applying for a SUP to locate an equipment shelter at this address. Siting this public utility infrastructure in this Rural Residential district requires a SUP. A public hearing will be scheduled for the February 18 Town Board meeting.

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, will need to approve this action. We are still awaiting final documents so that the Town Board can act on this proposal.

Planning Department activity for TOWN for December

Building permits: 17
Zoning permits: 3
Special Use Permit Reviews: 2
Site Plan Reviews: 2
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 0
Building inspections: 11
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 4
Subdivisions: 5
Violation notices: 1
Complaints: 3
Fire calls: 1
Training hours: 38

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for December

Building permits: 2
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: 0
Complaints: 3
Fire calls: 1