

Memorandum

Date: April 13, 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 meeting to be held April 29th. 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.

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 at a special meeting on April 22nd at 5 pm.

Two transportation projects seeking additional funds: There has been a recent call from the U. S. Congress for communities to nominate priority capital transportation projects for Community Project Funding (CPF). The Town has two qualifying projects for pedestrian infrastructure that are listed on the county's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that fall short of full funding. Both projects, the Varna sidewalk project and the Dryden Rail Trail pedestrian bridge over Route 13, are seeking additional funds from this CPF program to fill the shortfalls.

Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan: The County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) as part of the overall Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan. This will help us all to better prepare for the economic, environmental, and social impacts of climate change. The comment period for the HMP is open until April 30 and the draft can be found at:

<https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/climate-adaptation>

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 for March

Building permits: 19 (2 SFH, 2 Duplex)
Zoning permits: 8
Special Use Permit Reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 0
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 1
Fire safety inspections: 1
Building inspections: 27
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 2
Subdivisions: 2
Violation notices: 3
Complaints: 7
Fire calls: 0
Training hours: 10

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for March

Building permits: 7
Zoning permits: 1
Special Use Permit reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 0
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 13
Building inspections: 0
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0
Subdivisions: 0
Violation notices: 1
Complaints: 4
Fire calls: 0