

**Memorandum**

Date: February 10, 2022

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:** A draft of the comp plan update has been reviewed by the Town’s advisory boards and committees. The Planning Board is now making final edits and expects to release a public review draft of “*Dryden2045 -an update to the 2005 comprehensive plan*” by the end of February. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Board in March and the comment period will extend for the month. 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.

**Dryden Rail Trail Route 13 Pedestrian Bridge Environmental Review:** After exploring various alternatives the bridge alignment selected by the Town Board (upon recommendation of the Rail Trail Task Force) last summer will be pursued. This alignment veers away from the residential property on the northeast side of Route 13 and results in 0.16 acre of that residential property needed to place the lower slope of the ramp. The State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) will now be conducted by the Town Board at their February 17 meeting.

**TCAT adds Electric Buses:** Tompkins County Area Transit purchased 5 more electric buses in 2022. Their total fleet of 53 buses will now contain 12 electric buses.

**Planning Department activity for TOWN for January**

Dwelling Units: 0  
Building permits: 14  
Zoning permits: 0  
Special Use Permit Reviews: 0

Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 2  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 1  
Building inspections: 27  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 8  
Subdivisions: 4  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 6  
Fire calls: 4  
Training hours: 5.5

**Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for January**

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