

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOWN OF DRYDEN AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Whereas, Tompkins County grew moderately in the last ten years, while the percentage of senior citizens increased and youth population decreased, indicating changing housing needs,

Whereas, new census data indicates that the Town of Dryden lost population,

Whereas, in the last six years, only 77 single family houses and 119 multi-family units were constructed,

Whereas, of the 1891 rental households in Dryden, 46.2% are cost burdened and 27.3% are severely cost burdened where cost burdened refers to when more than 30 percent of income is going to pay for housing costs such as rent or mortgage.

Whereas, from 2010-2019, the median income of renters has dropped 14.1% while median income for homeowners has increased 5.8%, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Dryden will establish an Affordable and Workforce Housing Committee to focus on owner and rental housing deficiencies and identify various impediments to the construction and rehabilitation of such housing in the Town and the Villages, and further

Resolved, the committee shall invite various persons with specific knowledge of housing to clarify impediments and possible remedies in promoting the development of workforce and affordable units in the Town, and further

Resolved, this committee shall report to the Town Board and be comprised of elected Town Board members, representatives of the two villages, the Planning Board, and other knowledgeable persons who may contribute to the efforts of the committee.