

**Memorandum**

Date: August 18, 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.

**South Hill Rec Way extension:** The towns of Ithaca, Caroline, Danby and Dryden are working together to pursue an extension of this trail. We are jointly applying for a county tourism grant to fund studies for the first two miles of trail extension east of Burns Road.

**North Street Neighborhood Development Plan:** An application was submitted to the Cornell Design Connect program to develop a site development plan for the neighborhood north of the Village of Dryden. Cornell’s initial review was very favorable and we expect to be selected as one of their projects for this fall semester.

**Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Program:** Dryden is participating with a group of Tompkins County municipalities to apply to the SS4A program to fund Safety Action Plans for each municipality. These plans are a prerequisite for applying for SS4A program funding in subsequent years to construct implementation projects such as sidewalks. A resolution of support for this application will be considered at the August 18 meeting.

**Boiler Replacement at Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF):** Maintenance issues with all four boilers at the IAWWTF are threatening the redundancy and reliability needed for the essential heating there. Approval to buy two new dual fuel boilers will be considered at the August 18 Town Board meeting.

**Two Unsafe Structures are the Subject of Public Hearings in August:** The town board will conduct public hearings on August 18 to solicit public input concerning whether the structures at 28 Leisure Lane and 1892 Slaterville Road can be safely repaired, and whether to order the owners to repair or demolish and remove the structures.

**Two variances were granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in August:** The owner of 1686 Slaterville Road received a variance to reconstruct a home that was damaged by fire almost 10 years ago. The owner of 140 Bradshaw Road received a variance to construct an accessory structure in the front yard of their home.

**Planning Department activity for TOWN for July**

Dwelling Units: 2 (1 SFH, 1 ADU)  
Building permits: 25  
Zoning permits: 5  
Special Use Permit Reviews: 1  
Site Plan Reviews: 1  
Variance reviews: 3  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 2  
Building inspections: 37  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 7  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 2  
Fire calls: 1  
Training hours: 4

**Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for July**

Dwelling Units: 0  
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Zoning permits: 2  
Special Use Permit reviews: 0  
Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 3  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 0  
Building inspections: 7  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 2  
Fire calls: 0