

## Memorandum

Date: January 17, 2024

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 the project address in the subject line.

**Amending the Town Zoning and Subdivision Laws:** The Town released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a consultant to analyze our existing code and propose modifications. Several proposals were submitted and are being evaluated. This effort will be led by the Planning Board as requested by the Town Board.

**Safe Streets for All:** A federal grant will fund the drafting of Safety Action Plans for most of the municipalities within Tompkins County and a coordinated effort is moving forward. Cambridge Systematics was awarded the contract to do the research and draft the Safety Action Plans. They will be conducting meetings with each municipality sometime in March. Various Town advisory boards and committees will be approached to participate.

### **International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Reviews Town and Village Building Code**

**Enforcement:** Reviewers from the ISO are looking at how well our Building Code Enforcement mitigates hazards in our community. They recognize that code compliant construction reduces catastrophe-related damage and lowers insurance costs. ISO's rating of every community is used by insurance companies to develop their insurance premiums. The results of their review will be reported sometime later this year.

**Special Use Permit (SUP) Approved for Contractor Yard on Route 13:** A Special Use Permit (SUP) was granted for a contractor yard at 1622 Dryden Road. The existing entrance directly onto the site from Route 13 will be closed off and all traffic will now use a shared driveway. There will also be a significant vegetative buffer planted along Route 13.

**Town Hall Wetland Delineation:** The wetland delineation on the town lands located behind the Town Hall and Highway buildings located 40 acres of wetland out of the total of 87 acres. With this information

the Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission (DRYC) will now take the lead on finding a consultant to develop a master plan for the use of these lands.

Planning Department activity for TOWN in December		In 2023
Dwelling Units:	1	24
Building permits:	13	253
Zoning permits:	4	71
Special Use Permit Reviews:	2	10
Site Plan Reviews:	2	14
Variance reviews:	3	7
New businesses:	1	2
Fire safety inspections:	6	108
Building inspections:	30	345
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance:	11	120
Subdivisions:	1	12
Violation notices:	0	17
Complaints:	6	81
Fire calls:	1	5
Training hours:	30	205

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE in December		
Dwelling Units:	0	0
Building permits:	1	45
Zoning permits:	0	22
Special Use Permit reviews:	1	2
Site Plan Reviews:	1	8
Variance reviews:	0	3
New businesses:	1	5
Fire safety inspections:	3	79
Building inspections:	5	70
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance:	2	6
Subdivisions:	2	7
Violation notices:	0	7
Complaints:	4	65
Fire calls:	0	4