

Memorandum

Date: April 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 with the project address in the subject line.

South Hill Recway Extension: The Towns of Danby, Caroline , Ithaca and Dryden are cooperating to extend the current 3 miles of the South Hill Recway out to the county line. The route travels over an old railroad corridor now owned by NYSEG. The towns are considering a deal to obtain an easement from NYSEG and cooperate on the development of this trail extension. A public hearing will be held April 18 to consider obtaining an easement from NYSEG and begin developing the trail.

Site Plan Amendment for Borger Compressor Station: Berkshire Hathaway Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage Inc. (BHEGTS) applied to amend their site plan at 219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road, Borger Compressor Station. The proposal is to change the fencing and landscaping to provide better security. This application will be reviewed at the April 18 Town Board meeting.

Borger Compressor Station Annual Report: One of the conditions of the Special Use Permit for Borger Compressor Station is that BHEGTS will give an annual report to the community detailing environmental emissions at the station. This report will be given at the April 18 Town Board meeting.

May is Building Safety Month: Our ability to feel safe within our homes and other buildings in our town is in major part due to the carefully crafted building safety standards (Building Code) that is executed by those in the construction industry when they build a structure. Integral to achieving a successful end product is the work of the Town’s Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) who review plans and inspect building projects to assure that these standards are met. The Town of Dryden is well served by our CEOs Dave Sprout, Shelley Knickerbocker and Bill Knickerbocker who collectively have 70+ years in the construction industry.

Large Scale Solar Facility Proposed for Old Caswell Landfill: New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is proposing to develop the old Caswell Landfill with 12.5 Megawatts

(MW) of solar generation associated with 2.5 MW of battery energy storage. This application will be reviewed by both the Planning and Town Boards in the coming months. An introductory presentation will be made by the applicant at the April 18 Town Board meeting.

Planning Department activity for TOWN in March

Dwelling Units: 1
Building permits: 32
Zoning permits: 15
Special Use Permit Reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 2
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 11
Building inspections: 43
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 14
Subdivisions: 2
Violation notices: 0
Complaints: 10
Fire calls: 1
Training hours: 8

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE in March

Dwelling Units: 1
Building permits: 4
Zoning permits: 3
Special Use Permit reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 0
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 9
Building inspections: 3
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 2
Subdivisions: 2
Violation notices: 0
Complaints: 0
Fire calls: 0