

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT

MARCH, 2023

Building:

1. In the month of March: 43 inspections and site visits were conducted, 3 fire inspections or re inspections were performed, 15 building permits were issued and 5 building permits were renewed.
2. At the end of March, there were 13 expired building permits.
3. There are 12 cases of fire inspections being overdue, or having failed previous inspections.
4. One complaint was received in March, regarding a vacant commercial building on Route 44 having unsecured access points visible from the road. An email to the property owner's representatives resulted in the access points being blocked, and the property is once again in compliance with Section 311 of the Fire Code of NYS.
5. One ongoing investigation remains open regarding tires having been dumped on a property. Additional information regarding the current ownership of the property was discovered and will be used for further enforcement efforts.
6. One open property maintenance investigation remains regarding a property with miscellaneous junk and unregistered vehicles. Following a letter sent, as well as hand delivered, the property owner and tenants have been working to resolve this situation and have additionally been in contact with the Building Department throughout this effort.
7. Two property maintenance complaints received in February were resolved: One was determined to not be in the Town of Washington's jurisdiction and was closed, and one resulted in the property owner securing access to the vacant structure, which was confirmed during a site visit.

Zoning:

1. In the month of March: 8 municipal searches were completed.
2. 1 FOIL request was received and completed in March.
3. One written complaint was received in March, in relation to an open wetlands complaint investigation. As no violations appeared to exist, the investigation was concluded and a letter describing the investigation and findings was provided to both complainants.
4. Several letters of determination were requested in relation to an ongoing matter before the ZBA, and, following an investigation, these were provided to the requesting attorney.
5. One open case remains at the end of March regarding a violation of Section 363 and Appendix B of the Zoning Code. A meeting was held regarding the proposed solution, which will begin to be implemented as soon as weather conditions permit.
6. Improvements to the Zoning review process for building permit applications, as well as Special Permit and Site Plan submissions, including the development of checklists and worksheets to guide the process, were developed and implemented in March.