

Town of Scipio Planning Board Meeting April 22, 2026

The Town of Scipio Planning Board convened on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Town Office, 3705 NYS Rte. 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147.

Attending: Melissa Alford, Guy Garnsey, Andy Miller, Bill Nivison, Peter Rogers
Others: Patrick Doyle, Rick Ford, Glenda Ford, Ann Robson, Jeff Eaton, Connie Walter

Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 6:27pm.

Approved the April 22, 2026 meeting agenda
Motion by Alford, second by Garnsey. All in favor. 5/0

Approved the March 25, 2026 meeting minutes.
Motion by Alford, second by Miller. All in favor. 5/0

Old Business

- Update on Agricola Wind Project: ORES approval – On April 1, 2026 the NYS Administrative Law Judges issued an opinion which disposed of all outstanding issues on appeal. ORES issued its final siting permit which completes all the NY State permissions to move toward construction. The local Host Community Agreement is nearly finalized while the Road Use Agreement is still working through issues. Liberty Renewables will not approve the HCA without a PILOT agreement. No further appeals from the town would stop the project from progressing. One of three Federal permits has been approved. The FAA has given clearance, while the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the US Army Corp decisions are pending.

New Business

- Waterfront District Building Permit Application/Site Plan Approval
 - Rick and Glenda Ford, 90 Fire Lane 21, Auburn, NY 13021.
Tax Map # 154.03-1-19.12
On April 7, 2026 the town's ZBA approved an Area Variance, the county's Environmental Health Department approved the septic system which has been installed. This is a SEQR Type 2 action with no environmental impact. CEO Doyle is in communication with the watershed inspector and the developer regarding erosion control measures.
Motion to approve made by Nivison, second by Miller. All in favor. 5/0
- Discussion on Energy Mega Users and nuclear sources
Members of the Planning Board voiced the need to gather more knowledge about AI Data Center energy usage, to request a town moratorium on this type of development, to update the Town's Zoning Ordinance to be specific with siting of AI Data Centers and associated nuclear Gen III and Gen IV structures.

Resolution 2026 - 1 Advise the Town of Scipio Town Board to enact a moratorium on AI Data Center siting and development for a minimum of one year.

Motion made by Alford, second by Nivison was:

Adopted Ayes 5 Alford, Garnsey, Miller, Nivison, Rogers
Noes 0

- NYSDEC Wetland Policy Update – Town Attorney Eaton mentioned a state court of law has overturned the recent NYSDEC Wetland Policy for lack of a SEQR Type 1 review.

Next meeting: CHANGE OF DATE - Wednesday May 20, 2026, 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve date change made by Garnsey, second by Rogers. All in favor. 5/0

Adjournment at 7:31 pm

Motion made by Alford, second by Garnsey. All in favor. 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson
Town of Scipio Planning Board Secretary