

Town of Scipio Planning Board meeting from June 26,2024.

Attending: Melissa Alford, Chair, Andy Miller, Peter Rogers, Josh Saville

Others: Donna & Bill Moore, Chris Majka, Connie West, Patrick Doyle

- 1) The June 26, 2024 Town of Scipio Planning Board meeting was called to order at 6:25pm by Chairperson Melissa Alford.
- 2) Approval of the May 22, 2025 Town of Scipio Planning Board meeting minutes. Moved by Andy Miller second by Peter Rogers. All in favor 4 to 0.

Old Business:

- 3) Liberty Renewables Agricola Project was purchased by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP). Scott Biggar, Director of Development with Liberty Renewables and his staff, will continue with CIP.
- 4) The Planning Board consensus is to keep our 2.5x set back for wind turbines as in our current town regulations. CIP can appeal this regulation to the NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) if they choose to do so. This Agricola Project is due to break ground in 2027.
- 5) The Agricola Project turbine locations, photo simulations, and locations sensitive to visual change were discussed. There are 24 wind turbines proposed in the current plan. Community input is requested if there are any historic locations that would be impacted by this project and must be submitted by July 6, 2024. Melissa Alford will request photo simulations of the 24 wind turbines for our review. (The photographs provided did not include the wind turbine simulations.)
- 6) Water testing is available to all community members near the projected wind turbines without charge. Water Testing survey applications were distributed by Liberty/CIP and about 50 requests have been made.
- 7) The "Model Solar Energy Law" training on 6/12/24 was discussed by attendees Peter Rogers and Josh Saville. NYSERDA presented this "boilerplate" for use by any legislative/planning entity. Peter Rogers and Josh Saville will compare the current Town of Scipio regulations with the "Model" and identify any elements which should be included or clarified. This review will be discussed in our next scheduled Planning Board meeting on 7/24/24.
<https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/26251/Model-Solar-Law-2024-1?bidId=>
- 8) Don and Cindy Edwards building permit request for construction of a deck. Patrick Doyle will verify the set-backs and measurements of the existing plan. A motion to approve the deck construction was made by Josh Saville and seconded by Peter Rogers. The motion passed 4 to 0.
- 9) William and Donna Moore building permit request to remove an old garage and replace with a new garage. Melissa Alford did a site visit. A motion to approve the request was made by Melissa Alford and seconded by Josh Saville. The motion passed 4 to 0.

New Business:

- 10) Constance West minor subdivision request. The application was reviewed and no problems were identified. A motion to approve the minor subdivision was made by Peter Rogers and seconded by Andy Miller. The motion passed 4 to 0.
- 11) Mike Nolan has presented his formal resignation from the Town of Scipio Planning Board to Melissa Alford. Mike will be leaving the area. We all thank Mike for his excellent participation on the Planning Board. Please provide any Planning Board replacement suggestions to Melissa Alford.

Next Meeting: scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Miller at 7:08pm and seconded by Josh Saville. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Submitted by Peter Rogers, Town of Scipio Planning Board.