

The Town of Scipio Planning Board met on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at the Town of Scipio office at 3705 State Route 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147.

Attending: Melissa Alford, Andy Miller, Bill Nivison, Guy Garnsey.

Excused: Peter Rogers

Others: Ann Robson, Gary Mutchler

Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Newly appointed member, Guy Garnsey introduced himself and was welcomed to the Scipio Planning Board. His term will expire on December 31, 2028.

Approved the June 25, 2025 Town Planning Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Alford, second by Miller was:

Adopted	Ayes	3	Alford, Miller, Nivison
	Abstain	1	Garnsey

Old Business

- Updates on the following with Liberty-Renewables:
 - The NYS ORES public hearing on the Agricola Wind Project is Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 6pm, Hilton Garden Inn, 74 State St., Auburn, NY. Chair Alford recommended written statements be submitted and limit verbal presentation to three minutes. Town Attorney Eaton, who is affiliated with Costello, Cooney & Fearson has prepared a petition to suspend the issuance of federal permits with the Agricola Wind Project.
 - Mower Agency – Agricola Wind Project Community Survey. Research Manager Rachel Gilbert, Mower Agency has contacted the town's Planning Board regarding the Agricola Wind Project's community investment of \$100,000 provisioned annually over the project's 25-year life. Community needs that were identified were to financially support the local fire department, the King Ferry Food Pantry and invest in a community center.

New Business

- Battery Energy Storage System – Town Attorney Eaton prepared a draft local law to amend the Town of Scipio Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Tier 2 and larger battery energy storage systems. This was tabled until the August 2025 Planning Board meeting.
- Gill - Minor Subdivision Application – Homeowner wishes to subdivide agricultural plot Lot #10, from the residential portion of the parcel. This would form two agricultural lots and one residential lot.
Motion to approve made by Miller, second by Nivison. All in favor. 4/0
- McSweeney Solar Site – Tabled to August 2025 Planning Board meeting.
- Reminder to register for up coming trainings

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment – At 7:05pm a motion was made by Miller, second by Nivison. All in favor. 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Robson

Town of Scipio Planning Board Secretary