

## Town of Scipio Planning Board, August 27, 2025 meeting minutes

Attending: Melissa Alford, Andy Miller, Peter Rogers, Guy Garnsey, Bill Nivison

Others: Jeff Eaton, Ann Robson, Anita Dungey, Keith Welch, Gary Mutchler, Bill Hall, Mike May, Connie Walter, Susan Hilliard, Chuck Hilliard, Bill Schmidt, Melinda Pitman

Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approved the July 23, 2025 Town of Scipio Planning Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Miller, second by Nivison. All in favor. 5/0

### Old Business

- Updates on Liberty Renewables
  - Approximately 250 people attended the ORES public hearing on August 6, 2025. 90% of those who spoke, favored rejecting the Agricola Wind Project.
    - Party Status – The town attorney has filed a petition with the NYS ORES judges for party status. If the town is granted party status, then a hearing will be scheduled to present viable concerns.
    - A letter of petition to suspend federal permits and approvals in connection with Agricola project has been submitted by the town attorney on behalf of the Town of Scipio.
  - Mower community survey update – It is reported that 150 residents have been surveyed on how best to prioritize spending a \$100,000 annual fund shared by the towns of Venice and Scipio.

### New Business

- Battery Energy Storage System Zoning draft – Motion made by Miller, second by Nivison to recommend this draft zoning ordinance amendment be presented to the town board for adoption. 4/1  
Ayes 4 Alford, Miller, Nivison, Rogers  
Nay 1 Garnsey
- May Site Plan Application Review – Michael May, 18 Fire Lane 19, Moravia, NY 13118, Tax Map# 164.001-4.17 explained his plans to expand on an existing garage. Motion to approve made by Alford, second by Garnsey. All in favor. 5/0
- McSweeney Solar Site – Irene McSweeney, 4568 Wyckoff Rd., Scipio Center, NY 13147. Tax Map # 144.00-1-9.622 Construct a residential 8.8kW Solar Ground Mount within the Town of Scipio's Waterfront District.
  - Public Hearing - Garnsey made motion to open the Public Hearing on the Special Use Permit at 7:08 pm, second by Miller. All in favor. 5/0

No one present from the public expressed comment in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application. At 7:10 pm motion was made by Garnsey to close the Public Hearing, second by Miller. All in favor 5/0

- **Resolution 2025 – 3** Issue SEQR Negative Declaration for Residential 8.8 KW Ground Mounted Solar Energy Project. Town Attorney Eaton reviewed the 11 points and recommended issuing a negative impact declaration. Motion to approve by Rogers, second by Miller. All in favor 5/0
- **Resolution 2025-4** Approval of Site Plan and Issuing a Special Use Permit For A Residential 8.8 KW Ground Mounted Solar Energy Project Site Plan Review. Motion to approve by Alford, second by Rogers. All in favor. 5/0

- Hazard Library Construction Project  
**Resolution 2025-5** Readopting 2023 SEQRA Negative Declaration for Hazard Library Addition to Opendore. Motion made by Rogers, second by Miller was approved.  
Aye                    4            Alford, Miller, Nivison, Rogers  
Nay                    0  
Abstain              1            Garnsey

Next Meeting – September 24, 2025, 6:30 pm

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm by Alford, second by Garnsey. All in favor. 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Robson  
Town of Scipio Planning Board Secretary