

Town of Scipio Planning Board Meeting July 22, 2026

The Town of Scipio Planning Board convened on Wednesday, July 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: Esther Baker, Ann Robson

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

Approved the July 22, 2026 meeting agenda.

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

Approved April 22, 2026 meeting minutes.

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

Old Business

- Update on Agricola Wind Project
 - Town Overseer – Chair Alford reported ORES will be monitoring the progress of the wind project installation and the town may appoint an overseer. The town attorney will recommend the town board designate an overseer.
 - Emergency Response Plan – Alford reported emergency service plans are being developed. Questions and concerns on liability, OSHA and NYS regulations need to be clarified. The Southern Cayuga Instant Aide will receive donations from Liberty-Renewable's Agricola Wind Project as specified in the Host Community Agreement.
- Energy Mega Users and nuclear sources – Alford asked committee members to share articles and information on this topic among the group. The town attorney has been asked to investigate creating zoning regulations addressing AI Data Centers.

New Business

- Ensenore Boat Launch – In March 2026 a landscape architect presented plans for Jeff Corcoran's property improvements, on Ensenore Rd. adjacent to the south side of the town's boat launch. Prior to that, property boundary markers, trees and shrubs had been removed from the town's property south of the boat launch. Concerns have been reported on this landscape improvement project due to the lack of silt fencing to prohibit disturbed soil from reaching the lake and encroachment of a sea wall on the town's Right of Way. The watershed inspector and town Code Enforcement Officer are aware of the situation. Chair Alford reminded Planning Board members, they are allowed to make on-sight visits during the construction phase to observe the following of approved plans and to report concerns to the Code Enforcement Officer.

- Fire Lane 26 – Concerns were reported at the town’s Right of Way easement on FL 26. Chair Alford and Highway Superintendent Bill Hall made a sight visit and noticed several dead trees on the parcel. Hall contacted a tree service to cut and remove the trees. Conversation was had on the town’s two access points to Owasco Lake for town residents and emergency response services. Due to limited parking, liability coverage, and expenses no changes to current land use are planned by the town.
- Right to Farm laws – The Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization had *Jeff Kehoe, Associate Environmental Analyst with the NYS Department of Agriculture & Marketing*, present: **Planning for Agriculture** at their July 22nd meeting. He discussed the Right to Farm Law (RTF) and provided examples of the interplay among the RTF, State, and Local laws. Alford and Rogers attended and earned training credits.

Next meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:30 pm at the Scipio Town Office.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. made by Alford, second by Miller. All in favor. 5/0

Respectfully,

Ann M. Robson

Town of Scipio Planning Board Secretary