

The Town of Scipio Planning Board met on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at the Town of Scipio office at 3705 State Route 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147.

Attending: Melissa Alford, Andy Miller, Bill Nivison, Josh Saville

Others: Ann Robson, Gary Mutchler, Jeff Eaton, Patrick Doyle, Guy Garnsey, William Edwards, Kathie Garnsey, Anita Dungey

1. Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approved May 21, 2025 Town Planning Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Saville, second by Miller. All in favor. 5/0
3. Rearranged agenda to move McSweeney Solar Site Plan Application to before Old Business. Two items under New Business: Scuderi Site Plan Application and Gill Minor Subdivision Application were tabled until the July 23, 2025 as per applicants' requests.
4. Old Business
 - a. Update on Liberty Renewables:
 - i. Petition of party status – Town Attorney Eaton is drafting a town response regarding concerns with leaving the concrete foundations deeper than four feet during decommissioning of the project, with the long timetable to decommission, and with the short setback distance for non-participating property owners. He is seeking professional and academia positions on potential agronomy disturbances.
 - ii. Town residents were mailed notice of the ORES Public Hearing at 6:00 pm on August 6, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 74 State St., Auburn, NY 13021. Requirements of speaking at the public hearing were reviewed: practice presentation to get key points stated within three minutes and submit written comments prior. Focus on the impact on our community, the germane points of impact on residents.
 - iii. Road Use Agreement (RUA) – Liberty-Renewables is preparing comments made from the last meeting with the county and towns. The RUA will remain in place thru the decommissioning phase. A Host Community Agreement will be presented later this summer.
 - b. Update on informal recommendation to Town Board regarding public statement of opposition to remove Home Rule from Scipio. Supervisor Mutchler reported that the Town Board adopted Resolution 2025-37 at the June 11, 2025 meeting. It has been posted on town's website and will be filed with ORES.
 - c. Update on posting Planning Board's statement of opposition. Fifteen letters were mailed in early June, 2025 to surrounding villages, towns and to state representatives.
5. New Business
 - a. Battery Energy Storage System zoning – This topic was presented at a recent training hosted by the Cayuga County Planning and Economic Development Department. Town Attorney Eaton proposed drafting a Zoning Ordinance addendum on Battery Energy Storage for the Planning Board review.
 - b. McSweeney Solar Site Plan Application – 4568 Wyckoff Rd., Scipio Center, NY 13147; Tax Map # 144.00-1-9.622. Located in the Waterfront District, needs a Special Permit for installing ground mounted solar. Town Attorney referenced Section 17.06 of the Town

of Scipio Zoning Ordinance requesting an escrow fund be established for legal review. Code Enforcement Office Doyle stated public notice for a Public Hearing on the Special Permit application is necessary and the county's GML 239 review is required.

Motion for the Town of Scipio Planning Board to call a Public Hearing at the July 2025 Planning Board meeting, to create an escrow fund for legal review and submit to county GML 239 review was made by Alford, seconded Miller. All in favor. 5/0

6. Next meeting July 23, 2025
7. Ajournment - Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm. was made by Nivison, second by Rogers. All in favor. 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson

Scipio Planning Board Secretary