

Town of Romulus  
Planning Board Meeting

Dec. 2, 2013

**Roll Call:**

Bill Karlsen  
Tom Bouchard  
Cindy Meckley  
Kate Sinicropi  
Al Nivison  
Mary Joslyn – excused  
Sue Ellen Balluff - excused

**Visitors:**

Mary Anne Kowalski  
Donna & Jim Andersen  
Larry Yehle  
Scott F. Chatfield, Esq.  
James C. Andersen

**Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence**

Minutes from November meeting were corrected as follows: the spelling for DSA Fennessey was corrected; pg. 3 Lakeshore Update –it; not a she; delete she said. Al made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Snedaker Update** – Tom said we had waited for responses, expected back Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. We did not have time to schedule the public hearing for tonight. We did get a response dated 11/21/13 from DEC. There was no objection to our lead agency status. There was some discussion about historical & cultural resources; and the proposed increase in the pond size. The stormwater pond may need to be separate going forward. The sewage system is based on max capacity and may require SPDES from DEC. Plans for the septic are revised according to Lynn Snedaker Mr. Snedaker told Tom the County Health Dept. has them and has not reviewed them yet.

Tom reported that we did not make a negative declaration previously as we were waiting for comments to come back. Jim Williams, Town of Romulus Highway Superintendent has not replied. The County Planning Board reviewed it and their concern was the septic. We have not heard any more from them.

The Ovid Fire Deptmt. and South Seneca Ambulance and Seneca Co. Health Deptmt. we have not heard from.

At this point we are charged with the overall site plan. What does the board feel we should do? We apologize for confusion as we had thought we were going to have a public hearing tonight.

Would we like to schedule for the January meeting a public hearing? Al responded that the Health Deptmt. has had plenty of time to review and get back to us. Cindy made a motion for a public hearing to be held January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion seconded by Al. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom reported that Butch Carroll of Romulus Waste Treatment Plant also was contacted. We have not heard from them and his input would be valuable. Larry Yehle, visitor, requested that given the public hearing is going to be scheduled, could you send a note to them letting them know the date of the hearing and that we have not heard from them? We also need to hear from Tom Scoles from Seneca County Public Health.

Tom responded that if Tom Scoles determines there is no adverse effect, the Planning Bd. does the approval for the overall site plan. If we have that information at that point we can make a negative declaration.

Larry Yehle, visitor, expressed concern regarding a hold up if he does not have information prior to the Public Hearing.

Tom responded that we can close the hearing and get the information from him after. We need to move this along, in fairness to the applicant.

Larry Yehle, visitor, asked about the SPDES. Who does that?

Tom responded that the DEC issues the SPDES due to the size of the septic, gallon wise.

Scott Chatfield, attorney for Sned-Acres, stated the lead agency has been confirmed. He asked whether the matter been referred to Co. Planning Board?

Tom responded that the Co. Planning Board had reviewed it. The Co. Planning Board stated approval, contingent on the Seneca Co. Health Deptmt. review of the water and sewer systems.

Scott Chatfield, attorney, stated we are aware of the approvals we need to get. Who is Tom Scoles?

Tom responded that Tom Scoles is the Public Health Sanitary Engineer for the Seneca Co. Health Department.

Scott Chatfield, attorney, stated my understanding is that sanitary sewage will be handled on site. What material is likely to be going to the treatment plant? At some point all septics have to be pumped and the concern is the chemicals being pumped(including formaldehyde).

Tom reiterated that the Public Hearing will be at 7:00pm at the Romulus Town Hall. The secretary for the Town Board advertises in the Ovid Gazette and also on Town's website. We also post on the door of the Town Hall.

Larry Yehle, visitor, asked when you talk to the applicant, would you ask for updated site plans so that we can see the changes with the septic on the final site plans before the public hearing? We have not seen plans since the summer. Tom responded that he was not aware of any update. Anyone can ask Mary, secretary for the Town, as she has them here in the closet.

### **Officers for 2014**

Tom noted that three members, Kate Sinicropi, Bill Karlsen and Sue Ellen Balluff will have terms expire next year 2014. Al made the motion to approve the present slate of officers for 2014. Motion seconded by Cindy. Motion passed. Officers for 2014 are: Tom Bouchard, Chairman; Bill Karlsen, Vice Chairman; Kate Sinicropi, Secretary.

### **New Business**

Tom provided the schedule for meetings for 2014. Cindy asked about primary day in September? Tom will find out.

### **Special Use Permit Draft**

Sue Ellen added the text we talked about to the draft form. Tom reported that website has had added the zoning regulations. They are now available on the Town website. Sue Ellen changed the other items identified. She needs to put the filing fee on.

Mary Anne Kowalski, visitor, suggested setting up the form to be able to complete it on the website as people want to do that.

Tom asked if there was anything else we needed on the form. Al responded that we have a good start. Tom agreed and added that we can always update it. The Agricultural Data Statement is different than the rest of the form.

The following changes were recommended:

- 1. Add:** space for **comments**.
- 2. Remove** last Date of Approval/Denial at the bottom of page 4. Ask Sue Ellen the reason for this.
- 3. Add:** Return for Revision.;
- 4. Add:** Date reviewed by Seneca County Planning Board.
- 5. Add:** Date that you finally sign.

Larry Yehle, visitor, reported that when we started at the beginning of the year, we contacted Fayette, Varick, and Ovid for their forms. They suggested the agricultural piece. Please share our final form with them. It is a lot of work, with a good product.

Al agreed that it is good and sharing means they do not have to start from scratch.

Tom reported that we would be meeting with Varick this week and he will have Sue Ellen update it for the next meeting

### **Romulus/Varick Joint Meeting**

Our meeting date is Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to be able to have some dates for public input.

### **Lakeshore Project update**

Tom shared at the Town meeting that the state is now conveying parcels of state land to local not for profits, or organizations. Three examples were provided by Mary Anne Kowalski and emailed to members. Thank you, Mary Anne.

This is encouraging as we have been trying so long to get a lease agreement.

Last meeting Tom was directed to write a letter to Senator Nozzolio. Supervisor Kaiser suggested contacting Senator Nozzolio. We could tie into the 4 Towns grant and the cemetery(as it is a buffer for the cemetery). Tom will put together a letter. Cindy recommended referencing a previous letter, request sponsoring this transfe. We should reference the plan and hours that have been put in to it.

### **Recognition**

Tom reported that Barb McCall, Councilwoman and Dave Hayes, Zoning Enforcement Officer, are stepping down. Please let Mary know if you want to contribute to a gift and if you are able to attend.

### **New Business**

For the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, Nancy Newman was appointed as new member.

Tom reported receiving a phone call from Poplar Beach Rd. An individual wanted information on subdivisions as he wants to sell his property.

### **Old Business**

Farmland Protection Plan, the State Survey was completed last month.

We signed up for Grants Gateway.

Any more info on the Digester? Tom commented that in the paper it seemed like it went beyond the scope of what we heard from him. Mary Anne Kowalski, visitor, stated that industrial and energy were banned in that section. It is agriculture in nature and needs to be looked at for zoning.

Motion to adjourn made by Cindy. Al seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:25pm